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Manchester University moves 2020 Commencement to Saturday

The dates for ceremonies at the North Manchester campus are Saturday, Oct. 17, Pharmacy Hooding Ceremony and Graduate and Professional Commencement (Doctorate in Pharmacy, Master of Athletic Training and Master of Pharmacogenomics) at the Cordier Auditorium; and Sunday, Oct. 18, Undergraduate and Master of Accountancy Commencement at the Physical Education and Recreation Center (PERC).

'Watershed Soundscape' workshop to be held Saturday at Salamonie Lake

Join Kay Westhues for an evening "Listening to our Watershed Soundscape" workshop to be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, at Salamonie Lake. The program begins with DNR's interpretive naturalist Cassie Kennedy with Sound Bites at 6:30 p.m. where participants will hear and learn about nature's sounds. The workshop continues at 7:30 p.m. with an evening stroll and soundwalk at Salamonie Lake's Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area. Children under age 12 to be accompanied by an adult. The class size is limited. Advance registration is

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Sendelbach charged with murder

32-year-old also faces two counts of attempted murder following domestic disturbance turned WPD-officer involved shooting; judge sets no bond

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Wednesday, Oct. 14, William L. Sendelbach, 32, was charged with one count of murder and two counts of attempted murder after the Thursday, Oct. 8 domestic dispute turned Wabash Police Department (WPD) officer-involved shooting.

Judge Robert J. McCallen of the Wabash County Superior Court issued a warrant for the defendant in the case and set no bond amount.

Per WPD policy, the investigation is being conducted by the Indiana State Police (ISP).

A probable cause affidavit was written Tuesday, Oct. 13 and filed Wednesday, Oct. 14 by ISP Sgt. Josh Rozzi.

According to the affidavit, at approximately 7:01 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, WPD officers were dispatched to the 200 block of East Maple Street regarding a report of a child – later identified by the ISP as William L. Sendelbach's son, Kayden Sendelbach, 10 – having been stabbed.

As officers arrived a few minutes later, a male subject identified as William L. Sendelbach pointed a shotgun toward WPD Sgt. Nick Brubaker and fired one round, striking Brubaker in the leg.

Brubaker and WPD Officer Dan Henderson returned fire, striking William L. Sendelbach multiple times. William L. Sendelbach

fired the shotgun a second time while officers were firing at him. However, this time, no officers were struck.

Rozzi said it was believed that the shot went into the ground.

William L. Sendelbach was immobilized from the shots and was then secured by officers. The incident took place in the east and southeast portion of the yard outside the residence and happened seconds after the officers arrived on the scene.

Evidence at the crime scene suggests Brubaker was standing near the south-

east corner of the property when he was shot. A WPD patrol car parked near that location was also damaged from the same round fired by William L. Sendelbach.

William L. Sendelbach was standing in the yard on the east side of the house when he fired at Brubaker.

Once William L. Sendelbach was secured, Henderson ran into the apartment and went upstairs, where he observed the stabbing victim with a knife lodged in the side of his head.

Medics were called to treat Kayden Sendelbach,

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Get your costumes ready



Provided photo by Tiffany Wagner

Tiffany Wagner sent this photo of the astronaut costume their daughter, Brooke, was planning on wearing to the annual Trick-or-Treat Extravaganza later this month.



Provided photos

Wabash Marketplace is sponsoring the annual Trick-or-Treat Extravaganza from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24.

Several local Halloween-related events have been scheduled

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

In case you haven't noticed it's getting colder, and spookier out there as Halloween approaches.

As such, several local events have begun taking shape to help local families celebrate the season.

Wabash's Trick-or-Treating Hours

At the Monday, Sept. 28 Wabash City Council meeting, Mayor Scott Long announced the city's official

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Families are invited to trick-or-treat from business to business at the annual Trick-or-Treat Extravaganza.

ISDH: 24 new local COVID-19 cases since Wednesday

Wabash County's total number of positive cases rises to 350 as of Friday

STAFF REPORT

On Friday, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) reported a total of 24 new positive COVID-19 cases in Wabash County since Wednesday.

Local figures

On Wednesday, the ISDH reported four new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 330, with 5,439 tests. The local seven-day

positivity rate for all tests was 5.3 percent. The local seven-day positivity rate for unique individuals was 9.8 percent.

On Thursday, the ISDH reported 14 new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 344, with 5,488 tests. The local seven-day positivity rate for all tests was 6.6 percent. The local seven-day positivity rate for unique individuals was 10.8 percent.

On Friday, the ISDH reported six new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 350, with 5,539 tests. The local seven-day positivity rate for all tests

was 7.1 percent. The local seven-day positivity rate for unique individuals was 12.3 percent.

The state still reported nine local deaths.

As of Friday, the ISDH reported the following Wabash County demographics for positive cases by age group:

- Ages 0 to 19: 13.4 percent
- Ages 20 to 29: 17.1 percent
- Ages 30 to 39: 15.4 percent
- Ages 40 to 49: 11.1 percent
- Ages 50 to 59: 11.1 percent

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Wabash City Council adopts schools budget

The operations budget estimate was \$3,555,906

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

At Tuesday's Wabash City Council meeting, the Wabash City Schools (WCS) budget for 2020-2021 was unanimously approved.

Mayor Scott Long said the council was in charge of approving the WCS budget, as it did in previous years.

At the Monday, Sept. 14 Wabash City Council meeting Matt Stone, business manager for Wabash City Schools (WCS), first presented the budget figures to

the council.

The estimated school operations maximum levy was \$1,890,689 and the property tax cap credit estimate was \$553,570.

The debt service budget estimate was \$1,667,000. The maximum estimated funds to be raised (including appeals and levies exempt from maximum levy limitations) was \$2,192,910. The current tax levy was \$1,395,188. The levy percentage difference was 57.18 percent.

The education budget estimate was \$9,865,250.

The operations budget estimate was \$3,555,906. The maximum estimated funds to

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Grow Wabash County welcomed the Hampton Inn Wabash during its grand opening celebration on Friday, Oct. 9 at 1610 N. Cass St.

Hampton Inn celebrates grand opening in Wabash

Owners Raj Chandat, Suresh Patel joined by family, friends, managers

STAFF REPORT

Grow Wabash County welcomed the Hampton Inn Wabash during its grand opening celebration on Friday, Oct. 9 at 1610 N. Cass St., according to Chelsea Boulrisse, Grow Wabash County project manager for marketing and events. Owners Raj Chandat and

Suresh Patel were joined by family, friends and managers of their other area properties for a ribbon-cutting ceremony during the opening celebration. Chandat paid tribute to the support he and his team had received from the City of Wabash, Grow Wabash County and Halderman Real Estate & Farm Management to make their plans a reality. The ribbon-cutting was followed by a reception and tours of the various amenities at the hotel. Boulrisse said Grow Wabash County has worked

closely with Hampton Inn since the hotel broke ground in July 2018. Upon finishing construction last month, the Hampton Inn Wabash held a soft opening and began welcoming guests. The new hotel features a modern lobby and lounge area as well as high-quality amenities such as an indoor pool, fitness center, conference meeting rooms and a paved patio area. For more information, call 260-225-7555 or visit www.hilton.com/en/hotels/lafushx-hampton-wabash/.

SENDELBACH

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William L. Sendelbach and Brubaker. Brubaker was treated for non-life-threatening gunshot injuries at Parkview Wabash Hospital. William L. Sendelbach was flown to Parkview

Hospital in Fort Wayne for treatment of multiple gunshot wounds and is expected to survive. Kayden Sendelbach was flown to Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis where he was treated for life-threatening injuries. Kayden Sendelbach was diagnosed as being brain dead and placed on life

support while his mother contemplated organ donations. Kayden Sendelbach died from his injuries at 6:28 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 10. This story will be updated as more information becomes available. Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.

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departments in the area, which isn't the case any longer. Barry Stroup, Fire Department chief, said this sort of increase could help keep employees in the city. At the previous meeting, Long said this increase would equal out to an addi-

tional \$14,500 per department for each of the two departments. At Tuesday's meeting, Wendy Frazier, clerk-treasurer, said this amount was figured into the budget at a higher rate to give wiggle room in case things changed. In the end, the amount budgeted by the city for the longevity pay increases was set at between \$38,757.62

and \$41,223.62. "We never know who is going to where in what year during that time, so we did an in-between amount," said Frazier on Tuesday. "No matter whose year comes up and their pay advances, we have them covered." Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.

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- Ages 60 to 69: 12.6 percent
- Ages 70 to 79: 8.3 percent
- Ages 80 and above: 10.9 percent

The ISDH reported the following gender breakdowns for Wabash County positive cases:

- Female: 59.1 percent
- Male: 39.7 percent
- Unknown: 1.1 percent

The ISDH reported the following racial breakdowns for Wabash County positive cases:

- White: 75.1 percent
- Other race: 10 percent
- Black or African American: 1.4 percent
- Asian: .3 percent
- Unknown: 13.1 percent

The ISDH reported the following ethnic breakdowns for Wabash County positive cases:

- Not Hispanic or Latino: 60.3 percent
- Hispanic or Latino: 4.3 percent
- Unknown: 35.4 percent

Statewide figures

On Friday, the ISDH announced that 2,328 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19

through testing at state and private laboratories. The total includes approximately 300 cases whose reporting was delayed due to a technical issue over the past few days. To date, a total of 143,495 Indiana residents are known to have had the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day's dashboard. A total of 3,654 Hoosiers are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, an increase of 22 from the previous day. Another 233 probable deaths have been reported based on clinical diagnoses in pa-

tients for whom no positive test is on record. Deaths are reported based on when data are received by the state and occurred over multiple days. To date, 1,532,949 unique individuals have been tested in Indiana, up from 1,521,402 on Thursday. A total of 2,451,285 tests, including repeat tests for unique individuals, have been reported to the state Department of Health since Feb. 26. To find testing sites around the state, visit www.coronavirus.in.gov and click on the COVID-19 testing information link.

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Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 7:03 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 8:03 a.m.

 <p>First 10/23</p>	 <p>Full 10/31</p>	 <p>Last 11/8</p>	 <p>New 11/15</p>
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Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 65°, humidity of 30%. South wind 6 to 28 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 47°. South wind 10 to 25 mph. Sunday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a 55% chance of showers, high of 58°, humidity of 54%.

HALLOWEEN

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trick-or-treating hours as being from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31.

Trunk-or-Treat and Trick-or-Treating in North Manchester

On Friday, North Manchester Police Department (NMPD) Chief Jim Kirk said they were planning a trunk-or-treat event from 5 to 8 p.m. at the North Manchester Public Safety Building, 709 W. Main St., North Manchester. Kirk said this will be the same hours as trick-or-treating in North Manchester. Kirk said they will be passing out candy and will also have police and fire trucks in the east parking lot. Kirk said participants may drive through and do not need to get out of their vehicles. Kirk said there will be no haunted house this year.

Great Pumpkin Hunt

On Friday, Linda Miller, assistant director for the Strauss Peabody Aquatic & Fitness Center, said The Great Pumpkin Hunt event has been set for 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30 in Warvel Park, 702 N. Market St. "Kids hunt for candy and prize-filled black and orange eggs in Warvel Park at dark," said Miller. "Bring a flashlight." Miller said the age groups will be: Toddler, Pre-K/Kindergarten, First and Second grades, Third and Fourth grades and Fifth and Sixth grades. Participants will line up on the sidewalk along 7th and Market streets. Toddler is the only group that may be assisted by a parent.

Trick-or-Treat Extravaganza

Wabash Marketplace is sponsoring the annual Trick-or-Treat Extravaganza from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, according to Andrea Zwiebel, executive director. This free, family-friendly event takes place throughout downtown Wabash. Zwiebel said families are invited to trick-or-treat from business to business. "Miami Street will feature tons of family fun, too," said Zwiebel. Many businesses will be handing out candy at their doorways. Walk between Canal, Market, Miami and Wabash streets from 5 p.m. until the candy runs out.

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be raised (including appeals and levies exempt from maximum levy limitations) was \$1,890,689. The excessive levy appeals were \$70,108.

Participating businesses include:

- C & J Raxx
- Modoc's Market
- Ohh My Cakes
- Eclectic Shoppe
- Candy Shoppe at Charley Creek Inn
- Birdie J's
- Yelle's Boutique
- Downtown Nutrition
- Brooch Boutique
- Pizza King
- Filament Tattoo
- Andi Boutique
- Rock City Lofts

Zwiebel said Miami Street will be closed to feature a family fun festival. Modoc's Market will feature a life-size sculpture of Modoc the Elephant. New Song Church will provide a bounce house and glowsticks. Various groups will offer candy such as Wabash County CASA Court Program. Wabash City Police and Fire departments will have vehicles on display. The Wabash County Museum will be bringing the Vintage Fire Truck. Emmett's Paddy Wagon will be serving dinner at their food truck. Wabash Trucking will bring a truckload of candy – over 2,000 pounds. "It will be tons of fun," said Zwiebel. Bachelor Creek Church is hosting an outdoor Costume Contest in the Wabash County Museum parking lot. The contest will begin at 5 p.m. in the Wabash County Museum parking lot. Zwiebel said it is recommended to arrive a few minutes early to secure your spot. The contest will be judged by age categories and a group/family award. One prize will be awarded per category. The categories are: Birth to 2 years, 3 to 6 years, 7 to 12 years, 12 and over/Teen/Adult and Group/Family. For more information, visit www.wabashmarketplace.org or <https://www.facebook.com/events/1484292148625642>.


Salamonie Fall Fest Trick-or-Treating

Salamonie Lake is hosting Salamonie Fall Fest on Saturday, Oct. 17 within the framework of the state's guidance for event planning, including social distancing, mask requirements, hand-washing and sanitizing of program materials this year, according to Teresa Rody, interpretive

manager. Events include a variety of activities open to the public: Kettle corn is a fundraiser for UWIS Friends group, 8 from 9 p.m. Friday. On Saturday, there will be a live bird of prey program at 11 a.m.; pumpkin decorating at 12:30 p.m.; and Arts in the Parks "Soundscapes" from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This year, however, because of COVID-19, if trick-or-treating occurs at park properties, it will be only for campers and other overnight guests. Entrance to Salamonie Lost Bridge West Recreation Area is restricted from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday. All celebrations will incorporate safety guidelines developed in conjunction with the State's COVID-19 Executive Orders and Back on Track Plan. For more information, call 866-622-6746 or visit calendar.dnr.IN.gov, camp.IN.gov or dnr.IN.gov.

Peabody Retirement Community's Trail of Scarecrows

Peabody Retirement Community is hosting Trail of Scarecrows – a contactless, family-friendly event – through Saturday, Oct. 31 at their 33-acre campus at 400 W. Seventh St., according to Tracy Irwin, director of sales and marketing. Activities also include a self-guided scavenger hunt. Visitors can drive (or walk) a trail of more than 20 scarecrows, sponsored and decorated by individuals, businesses and Peabody Friends, including RJ Keirn Trucking, Miller Restorations, Nordmann's Nook, Goodfellas Pizza, Rhinestones & Roses Floral & Boutique, Fruit Basket Inn/Grand's Ice Cream, Shabby Chic Windows and the dental office of Dr. Myers. The public is invited to choose the winner by touring the Trail of Scarecrows and voting for their favorite scarecrow on the Peabody Retirement Community Facebook page. Before dropping by Peabody, Irwin suggests downloading a printable Trail of Scarecrows map and Scarecrow Tom Scavenger Hunt checklist. For more information, visit PeabodyRC.org or call 260-982-8616. Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.



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Carl Henry ‘Hank’ Steele

March 4, 1948 – Oct 14, 2020

Carl Henry “Hank” Steele, 72, of Wabash, Indiana, died peacefully at 2 a.m., Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at his daughter’s home in rural Wabash, surrounded by his family. He was born March 4, 1948 in Wabash, to Wilbur and Bertha (Leach) Steele.

Hank was a 1966 graduate of Wabash High School. He married Diann Thompson in Wabash on December 30, 1967. Hank worked at US Gypsum, retiring after 40 years. He enjoyed fishing, NASCAR racing, listening to the Beatles, and playing euchre.

He is survived by his wife, Diann Steele of Wabash, two children, Walter “Herb” (Cindy) Steele of Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Kelly (John) Ply of Wabash, four grandchildren, Grace Steele of Wabash, Wes Ply of Detroit, Michigan, Jacob (Janell) Wolford of Travis AFB, California, and Jared (Shianne) Wolford of Kokomo, Indiana, five great-grandchildren, Hadley Wolford, Harlow Wolford, and Bodhi Wolford, all of Travis AFB, California, Greyson Wolford and Emberlee Wolford, both of Kokomo, two brothers, James A. Steele and Danny (Donna) Steele, both of Wabash, his sister, Sandy (Ollie) Perkins and his sister-in-law Ruby Steele, both of Peru, Indiana. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother, Larry Steele.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. on Monday, October 19, 2020, at Grandstaff-Hengtgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Pastor Paul Sutherland officiating. Burial will be in Friends Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 2-5 p.m. Sunday, at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is Wabash County Cancer Society. The memorial guest book for Hank may be signed at www.grandstaff-hengtgen.com.



Jerry M. Cauley

May 17, 1946 – Oct 11, 2020

Jerry M. Cauley, 74, of Lafayette, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, October 11, 2020 at Franciscan Health St. Elizabeth East ER.

He was born May 17, 1946, in Cynthiana, KY, to the late Victor M. and Bette J. Cain Cauley.

Jerry graduated from Purdue University with a BA in Mechanical Engineering. From 1969 – 1972 he worked for Indianapolis Naval Avionics and then came to Eli Lilly & Co Lafayette where he was supervisor and or engineer over many departments until his retirement.

On August 23, 1969, he married Joyce I. Kroger in Greenwood, IN, and she survives.

Jerry had many hobbies and likes , archery, fishing, golf, hunting. He also coached the S3DA at Bass & Bucks in Wabash, IN. He was HOPPY to Caroline and Cole his twin grandchildren, they were truly the light of his life. He will be missed by all who knew him and loved him. Surviving are wife, Joyce



Cauley of Lafayette, IN, son, Bryan D. (Heather V.) Cauley of Lafayette, granddaughter, Caroline A. Cauley, grandson, Cole B. Cauley, an aunt, Wanda Thompson, and four cousins all of North Carolina.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday October 18, 2020 at Soller-Baker Funeral Home 400 Twyckenham Blvd. Lafayette, IN 47909. Interment Wyandotte Cemetery on Dayton Rd.

Service will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, October 19, 2020 at Soller-Baker Funeral Home 400 Twyckenham Blvd. Lafayette, IN 47909. Interment Wyandotte Cemetery on Dayton Rd.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Youth Archery Fund in Jerry’s memory, envelopes available at funeral home. https://www.gofundme.com/f/celebrating-jerry-cauley-and-youth-archers?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1

You may leave condolences and memories at www.soller-baker.com

David Lynn Bickel

Feb 26, 1939 – Oct 5, 2020

David Lynn Bickel, 81, passed away peacefully Oct. 5, 2020, at home in Fort Wayne. Born Feb. 26, 1939, in Wabash, Ind., he was the son of Armand (Bickel Shoe Repair) and Eleanor Bickel. David married Evelyn Gottmann in 1959, and they shared 61 happy years. He graduated from Wabash High school (1956) and Manchester College and was an active member of Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren.

If you knew Dave, you probably considered him a friend. He was easy company. He loved to tell a story, laugh and eat ice cream. He genuinely cared about others. Dave was an excellent salesman and an avid car enthusiast. Being at the lake



spoke to his soul. Family came first. He loved his wife, Evelyn, and treasured his brother, Dan Bickel; his two children, Cara Slosarek and Darren Bickel; and his three beloved grandchildren, Grace Bickel, Brett Slosarek and Emma Bickel. He cherished Dan’s wife, Barb; Cara’s husband, Steve; and Darren’s wife, Rose.

A celebration of life service is 2 p.m. Sat., Oct. 24 at Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren, 6404 S. Calhoun. Visitors may attend inside the church with masks and social distancing or listen to the service from their cars.

Memorials to: Lincolnshire Church or Heartland HospiceFund.org.

Diane Kaye Spencer Bradley

Sept 27, 1946 – Oct 13, 2020

Diane Kaye Spencer Bradley, 74, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 11:49 am, Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at Parkview Randallia in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She was born September 27, 1946 in Miami County, Indiana, to Betty Jean (McElwee) Spencer. Diane was adopted by Verne J. Bradley after he married her mother.

Diane worked at ARC of Wabash several years. She enjoyed men watching, getting her nails done, coloring, watching the Golden Girls and the Hallmark Channel, and going out to eat. Diane lived all her life in Wabash, and the past five years at Millers Merry Man-



or East. She was preceded in death by her parents Verne and Betty Jean Bradley, and her aunt Lucille Bennett.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, October 19, 2020, at Grandstaff-Hengtgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Pastor Roxanne Mann officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call Monday, October 19, 2020, 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

The memorial guest book for Diane may be signed at www.grandstaff-hengtgen.com.

John Frank Burke

Services for John Frank Burke, were held at 10:30 am Friday, at Faith Harvest Fellowship, Wabash. Burial in Friends Cemetery, Wabash.

Services were from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, at the church. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hengtgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

William Dale ‘Bill’ Roberts

Nov 14, 1950 – Oct 14, 2020

William Dale “Bill” Roberts, 69, of Huntington, Indiana, died at 4:55 am, Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at his home. He was born November 14, 1950 in Wabash, to William Eugene “Max” and Anabelle (Manning) Roberts, and was raised by his grandparents Kenneth “Shorty” and Mary Mildred Roberts.

Bill was a US Army veteran. He married Rosemary Sweeney at the St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in Lagro, Indiana on February 1, 1973. He worked at Container Corporation in Wabash, retiring after 37 years. Bill was a member of the Lagro American Legion. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, mushroom hunting, watching westerns on television, and was an avid Indianapolis Colts fan. His grandkids were the highlight of his life.

He is survived by his wife, Rosemary Roberts of Huntington, two daughters, Erin Cruz of Westfield, Indiana,

and Erica Roberts of Wabash, five grandchildren, Kayden Cruz, Hailey Cruz, and Dallas Cruz, all of Laketon, Indiana, Ava Hiner and Bella Hiner, both of Wabash, sisters and brothers, Cheryl (Charles) Goodpaster, Lance Roberts, and Lane Roberts, all of Lagro, sister, Karen Specht of Winter Haven, Florida, and his sister-in-law, Vickie Roberts of Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother, Gregory Roberts.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m., Tuesday, October 20, 2020, at Grandstaff-Hengtgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Pastor J.P. Freeman officiating. Burial will be in Lagro Cemetery. Friends may call 4-7 p.m. Monday, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is Lagro American Legion.

The memorial guest book for Bill may be signed at www.grandstaff-hengtgen.com.



Shelley Ann (Hartley) Lambert

Shelley Ann (Hartley) Lambert, 55, North Webster, Indiana, formerly of North Manchester, passed away October 15, 2020.

Shelley Ann (Hartley) Lambert will be remembered by daughters, Chelsey Elizabeth Lambert and Alisha Ann (Kristopher Fruitt) Lambert; father, James and Patricia (Anderson) Hartley; companion, Fred McKee; brother, James “Russ” (Nikki)

Hartley; step-brother, Mark (Jennifer) Anderson; grandchildren, Kayden Marcum, Taelynn Lambert, Grady Fruitt, and Elley Fruitt on the way.

Calling October 22, 2020 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at McKee Mortuary, 1401 State Road 114 West, North Manchester. Funeral services will be October 23, 2020 at 1 p.m.

Arrangements at McKee Mortuary.

Mary Lou Fulton

Mary Lou Fulton, 93, of Engadine, Michigan, passed away on October 10, 2020, in Newberry Michigan.

She is survived by her son, Aaron (Nancy) Fulton and daughter, Cheryl Ann (Randall) Rider; grandchildren, Joshua Rider, Andrew (Jeannette) Rider, Micah Rider, Andrea Fulton and Doug (Kailey Poort) Fulton and great-grandson, Elijah Rider.

A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, October 23, 2020 at LaFontaine IOOF Cemetery, with Pastor Susan Shambaugh officiating.

Local arrangements have been entrusted to McDonald Funeral Homes, LaFontaine Chapel, 104 South Main Street, LaFontaine.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com.

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required. All supplies will be provided by the artist. Events will be socially distanced, and mask-wearing is encouraged. Property entrance fees of \$7 per in-state vehicle and \$9 per out-of-state vehicle will apply. For more information, call 260-468-2127 or visit dnr.IN.gov.

Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distribution Wednesdays

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. Distribution is while supplies last. All are welcome, regardless of home county or reason for need. No IDs, proof of address or income will be required. If you are walking up or coming via a vehicle too small to carry a load of food, please plan to arrive an hour after the tailgate starts. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

Absentee voting applications now available

Voters who wish to vote absentee may visit indiana.voters.com and complete an absentee application or they can call the clerk’s office at 260-563-0661, ext. 1238 and request the form. Absentee voters may bring their ballot to the clerk’s office by noon on Election Day.

Clerk’s office announces early voting locations

Early voting at the Wabash County Clerk’s office will take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday through noon Monday, Nov. 2. The office will also be open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays Oct. 24 and Oct. 31. The office will be closed Monday, Oct. 12 for Columbus Day. In addition to the clerk’s office, voting on Saturday, Oct. 24 will take place at the Town Life Center, 603 N. Bond St., North Manchester; and Woodlawn United Methodist Church, 150 N. 2nd St., Somerset. In addition to the clerk’s office, voting on Saturday, Oct. 31 will take place at the Town Life Center, 603 N. Bond St., North Manchester; and the Liberty Township Fire Department, 12 S. Wabash Ave., Lafontaine.

City now accepting WCS board member applications

The Wabash City Schools (WCS) school board began accepting applications for member positions Wednesday, Sept. 30. The appointees will begin service on Jan. 1, 2021 and serve for four years. Application forms are available through noon Friday, Oct. 30 at City Hall, 202 S. Wabash St. Applicants must

live within the WCS district to be considered. Members wishing reappointment must complete a new application. Applicants will be interviewed in a public meeting. For more information, email citycouncil1@cityofwabash.com.

Clerk’s office announces Election Day voting locations

On Election Day, voting locations will include Heartland REMC, 350 Wedcor Ave.; First United Methodist Church, 110 N. Cass St.; Lagro Town Hall, 230 Buchanan St., Lagro; North Manchester Public Library, 405 N. Market St., North Manchester; Pleasant Township Fire Department, 10459 N. Ogden Road, Laketon; and Town Life Center, 603 N. Bond St., North Manchester.

Indiana 105 bridge at Salamonie Lake closed

Salamonie Lost Bridge West and East state recreation areas are accessible only from the south. To access Indiana 105 on the north side of the bridge, from the south of the bridge heading north on Indiana 105, the official detour will be Indiana 124 to Indiana 9 to Highway 24. The entire bridge deck will be removed and replaced. The bridge, and road, is scheduled to re-open Sunday, Nov. 15.

Hawkins Farms kicks off Pizza Fridays benefiting HOPE CSA

Hawkins Family Farm is hosting “Tailgating on the Farm” from 5 to 7 p.m. Fridays at 10373 N. 300 East, North Manchester, diners will be able to order online or by phone their all-natural, locally-sourced artisan pizzas baked in an outdoor, wood-fired brick oven. Standard pizzas range from \$10 to \$20, payable by credit card or Apple Pay. All profits from Fridays on the Farm benefit HOPE CSA (Hands-On Pastoral Education using Clergy Sustaining Agriculture). For more information, visit www.hawkinsfamilyfarm.com or www.hopecsa.org.

DivorceCare begins weekly meetings again

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, “features some of the nation’s foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery.” The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Conference Room in the Wabash Friends Counseling Center, 3563 S. State Road 13. Wearing a mask is required when entering. Leader Janet Quillen and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St. on State Road 15. For more information, call Quillen at 260-571-5235, or call 260-563-8453 or 877-350-1658; email office@wabashfriends.org; or visit www.divorcecare.org.

Editor’s note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplaindealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.

Opinion

SPEAK UP

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LETTERS GUIDELINES

The Wabash Plain Dealer encourages your letters to the editor forum, which is designed to be a forum for exchange of ideas between readers about issues of community importance.

Please sign your letter. Your name will be used with the letter that is published in the Plain Dealer. Your letter will be returned if it is your desire to remain anonymous.

Since we may want to write or call you to verify the letter, we ask that you include your address and telephone number. All our letters to the editor are published in the interest of fair play, so we trust our letter writers will refrain from personal attacks on other persons or groups.

A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

To submit a letter, please write the Wabash Plain Dealer at 99 W. Canal St., Wabash, IN 46992.

Letters also may be hand-delivered to the newspaper office, 99 W. Canal St. The office is open 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you should deliver a letter during non-business hours, a drop slot is located to the left of the front door. Letters may be faxed to 260-563-0816, or email them to news@wabashplainedealer.com with "Letters to the Editor" in the subject line.



DAILY SCRIPTURE

May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

2 Thessalonians 3:5

Barrett's elevation to the Supreme Court proceeds

Judge Amy Coney Barrett's accession to the Supreme Court barreled forward in a cloud of partisanship and pestilence Monday. Introduced as President Trump's nominee on the brink of his coronavirus-haunted re-election bid in what turned out to be a super-spreading event, Barrett appeared before a Senate Judiciary Committee hobbled by the contagion, its convalescing and quarantining members a testament to the farcically precipitous process.

The hearing boded ill for a judiciary buffeted by the forces that have diminished the other two branches of government. Little can stop the Senate's Republican majority from forcing Barrett onto the court in what could be the waning days of its power and the president's, but if this kangaroo court nomination succeeds in advancing partisan goals, the party and the court are likely to pay the price.

Judiciary Chairman Lindsey Graham opened the hearing by all but declaring it a charade, saying its purpose was not to consider Barrett's nomination but "to confirm" it. Graham said the proceedings are "probably not about persuading each other": "All the Republicans will vote yes; all the Democrats will vote no."

To behold such statesmanship is to understand why

the veteran South Carolina Republican is fighting for his political life against a Democrat in a ruby-red state. But the senator left himself scant opportunity to pretend to any coherent principle. Yes, Barrett is a well-qualified nominee, but so was Merrick Garland.

Four long years ago, when Graham and his colleagues were refusing even to consider Barack Obama's Supreme Court nomination of Judge Garland on the ground that the presidential election was a mere eight months away, Graham vowed that if a vacancy occurred in 2020, "I want you to use my words against me. ... You can say Lindsey Graham said let's let the next president, whoever it might be, make that nomination."

Last month, however, when Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg died, it took the senator a day to proclaim his own precedent void with less than two months left until the election and the nominee still unknown.

A few of Graham's Republican colleagues ventured to fashion a new principle Monday, arguing that different rules apply when the Senate and presidency are controlled by the same party. But it was just another way of acknowledging a raw exercise of partisan power.

They have that power for the time being, but the

spectacle won't improve their prospects of retaining it. With Graham and several other Republican incumbents in the midst of uncertain re-election efforts, their majority is threatened, and polls show most voters disapprove of a shotgun Supreme Court confirmation.

Assuming Barrett's confirmation proceeds according to its tight schedule, the court could be likelier to overturn abortion rights, favor Trump in a contested election or — as Democrats on the committee were keen to emphasize Monday — strike down the Affordable Care Act. Despite being duly enacted a decade ago, withstanding the worst intentions of congressional Republicans ever since, and surviving not one but two Supreme Court cases, the landmark health care reform will be before the justices again a week after the election.

The court's conservative chief justice, John Roberts, has repeatedly saved the ACA, a Democratic president's signature achievement, lest the court become even less distinguishable from the political branches. If Barrett enables the court's right wing to abandon Roberts' restraint, she will do more harm to the institution than her tainted nomination already has.

— This editorial was first published in the San Francisco Chronicle.



LETTERS

Vote for Pat Hackett

Hourly paid workers hear this: Rep. Jackie Walorski is not out for your best interests. She has sponsored legislation that will remove employee health benefits for anyone who works fewer than 40 hours per week. (Currently, if you work more than 30 hours per week, you are entitled to healthcare benefits by law.) The policy she champions will allow employers to hire workers for up to 39.5 hours per week, without benefits. When Walorski says she works for "hardworking Hoosiers," she means those who own the factories, not those who work in them.

That is why I will vote for Pat Hackett. Pat's campaign is funded via a grassroots network of small donors, not corporate PACs. She will sponsor policies that are fair for hourly-paid workers, many of whom have been deemed "essential" and have kept the economy going at risk to their health. They deserve a Congresswoman who will fight for their right to a living wage and affordable healthcare. Join me in voting for Pat Hackett.

Sandra Fribley
Goshen

All to blame for lack of federal assistance

April 30, Washington Post:

"The next phase of relief is going to be the law of a lifetime."

May 17, Pacific Group on Health: "Congress gets serious about COVID Phase 4 legislation."

The first sentence of the initial opinion column above stated: "Congress will definitely pass a 'Phase Four' relief package simply because it must."

Nearly six full months later, Washington — not just Congress — apparently didn't get serious enough about helping Americans and the "must relief" turned into a universal "we can't believe nothing has passed."

Reasonable people might differ on the details. But reasonable people are elected and appointed to resolve such differences on behalf of our country. And there is no debating the many industries — and when we say industries, we're talking about people, jobs, families and livelihoods — that are suffering.

There is plenty of blame to go around. What should Indiana do? Unlike those in Washington, put partisan politics aside and assist.

We will work at the state level to enact liability protections for the many businesses, health care facilities and schools that follow the rules, which was one of the unfulfilled federal prom-

ises. That's a good start, but Washington owed us so much more.

Kevin Brinegar
President and CEO, Indiana Chamber of Commerce

Tell Sens. Braun, Young to support cultured meat research

Readers who care about animal welfare should ask Sens. Mike Braun and Todd Young to support federal funding for cultured-meat research. Cultured meat is grown from cells, without slaughtering non-humans. It has the potential to eliminate unimaginable levels of suffering. After all, we kill tens of billions of land animals and over a trillion aquatic animals for food every year.

Ending this violence is more plausible than you think. A growing number of companies are developing cultured-meat products. Even Tyson Foods, the slaughtered-meat giant, has invested in the sector. However, the costs of these humane options will need to be reduced for them to be successful. This can only be achieved through further research. The federal government should support it.

Jon Hochschartner
Granby, Connecticut

Don't let the GOP make 'court-packing' a mortal sin

As Amy Coney Barrett's confirmation hearings begin and the 2020 presidential election enters its final stretches, Republicans are accusing Democrats of wanting to manipulate the size of the Supreme Court to achieve political ends. Let's be clear about one thing, though: It is Republicans who have tried to warp the court's dimensions in recent years.

Eugene Robinson



And they're doing it again right now. Whether Democrats would consider returning the favor at some point in the future is entirely hypothetical and depends on a host of unknowable variables. Joe Biden and Kamala Harris are right not to be baited into answering a question — "Will you or won't you?" — that presently has no meaning.

Ask them again if and when Biden is president and Democrats control both houses of Congress. Then, and only then, will Biden's view on expanding the number of Supreme Court justices be meaningful — because then, and only then, will court-packing be an actual possibility.

But there is more than one way to skew — or unskew — the ideology of the high court by manipulating the number of sitting justices.

You could do it by effectively reducing the number of seats on the court to eight, keeping one seat vacant for more than a year and refusing to give an eminently qualified nominee even a committee hearing — as Republicans did with Barack Obama's nominee Merrick Garland in 2016. Or you could rush someone through a hasty confirmation process at a time when voters are already casting ballots in an election that your party, according to polls, is likely to lose — as Republicans are doing with President Donald Trump's nominee this week.

If one party did such outrageous things, cementing a conservative majority on the court for a generation, the other party, assuming it had the requisite power, might theoretically believe it is justified to add seats to the court to restore its ideological balance.

The Constitution, which does not specify the number of seats on the court, allows all of the above. Republicans have tried to paint "court-packing" as an unthinkable horror, an unprecedented departure from norms and traditions. Having transformed itself from the Party of Lincoln into the Party of Trump, however, the GOP has no standing to lecture anyone about norms and traditions. And the fact is that a decision by Democrats to expand the court would be nothing more than a variation on the "court-warping" that Republicans would achieve with Barrett's confirmation.

If Democrats were to win the White House and Senate and keep control of the House, they would have options for how to respond to the long Republican campaign to capture the courts and the shenanigans they've used to pursue it. Expanding the size of the Supreme Court wouldn't be their only option.

Democrats could and should enshrine rights the high court might no longer recognize — among them women's reproductive freedom, same-sex marriage and unobstructed access to the ballot box — in legislation. That would almost surely require eliminating the legislative filibuster in the Senate, which would occasion more GOP howling about, yes, norms and traditions. But the Senate under Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., has become little more than a smaller, less efficient version of the House: a chamber in which the majority steamrolls the minority as a matter of course. Why should Democrats pretend otherwise?

It will still be a problem, however, for the highest court in the land to be seriously out of step — perhaps for decades — with the nation whose laws it interprets. Conservatives used to denounce "judicial activism" when they saw it being practiced by liberal justices. They now embrace such activism by justices who share their conservative ideology and who try to pull the country back into the past.

The Supreme Court presently takes a view on Second Amendment rights that not long ago would have been considered extreme or even loopy — and that thwarts the will of a majority of Americans for meaningful gun control. The court takes a radical position on the role money can play in politics by limiting what Congress can do to level the field. Of course, we should want justices who will follow the Constitution, not the opinion polls. It makes sense to have both conservative and liberal justices on the court, reflecting the ideological divide in the nation. It does not make sense, though, to have a durable majority tilting the scales of justice in one direction only.

I could argue against the notion of adding seats to the court — the GOP could make a tit-for-tat response when it gets the chance — and I have no idea what Biden thinks. But there is no reason for the Democratic Party to engage in unilateral disarmament — and no reason to answer hypotheticals. Let's have the election first.

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HISTORY

Today is Saturday, Oct. 17, the 291st day of 2020. There are 75 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Oct. 17, 1933, Albert Einstein arrived in the United States as a refugee from Nazi Germany.

On this date:

In 1777, British forces under Gen. John Burgoyne surrendered to American troops in Saratoga, New York, in a turning point of the Revolutionary War.

In 1814, the London Beer Flood inundated the St. Giles district of the British capital as vats of beer ruptured, sending more than 320,000 gallons of liquid into the streets; up to nine people were reported killed.

In 1931, mobster Al Capone was convicted in Chicago of income tax evasion. (Sentenced to 11 years in prison, Capone was released in 1939.)

In 1939, Frank Capra's comedy-drama "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington," starring James Stewart as an idealistic junior U.S. senator, had its premiere in the nation's capital.

LIFESTYLES



Photo by Lynda Balslev for TasteFood

Add layers to your fall menu

The cooler season begs for layers – and not just when it comes to clothing. Behold the lasagna. This hefty casserole is layered with three cheeses, a meaty tomato sauce and – wait for it – kale.

Now, before you roll your eyes, realize this: This lasagna can handle a little kale. In fact, it will put the hearty greens in their place, allowing them to shine without overtaking this admittedly nonvegetarian recipe with excessive leafiness. It will invite a layer of freshness into an otherwise robust, gooey and loaded lasagna. And if you are trying to sneak a few vegetables into someone’s diet, this may do the trick.

With that preface, let me add that this recipe can easily be made vegetarian by simply omitting the meat from the tomato sauce. The choice is yours, and both versions are delicious. I’ve provided a meat sauce in the

Lynda Balslev



recipe, but you can skip it if you prefer. And if you have a favorite prepared sauce that you swear by, then by all means, make your life a little easier and use it.

Now, back to the layers. Stack your lasagna as high as your dish will allow (let’s hope it’s at least 2 1/2 inches deep). And do include kale leaves in the mix. They will soften and melt into the lasagna, tempered by the rich cheese and bright sauce, while providing color and, of course, extra nutrients. You might even have room for seconds.

Lasagna
Active Time: 45 minutes
Total Time: 1 hour and 45 minutes
Yield: Makes one 9-inch-square lasagna. For a larger rectangular lasagna (pictured), double the ingredients.

Sauce:
1 tablespoon olive oil
1/2 pound ground beef
1 small yellow onion, finely chopped
2 garlic cloves, minced
1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper

1 (28-ounce) can crushed Italian plum tomatoes
2 tablespoons tomato paste
1 teaspoon dried oregano
1/2 teaspoon sugar
Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
Ricotta:
16 ounces whole-milk ricotta
1 large egg, lightly beaten
1/4 cup finely grated Parmesan cheese
2 tablespoons half-and-half
1 garlic clove, minced
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 box lasagna sheets
One bunch Tuscan (Lacinato) kale leaves, ribs removed, torn into large pieces
8 ounces fresh mozzarella, shredded
1 cup finely grated Parmesan and/or Pecorino Romano cheese

Make the sauce: Heat the oil in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Add the beef (if using) and cook until lightly browned, 5 to 7 minutes, stirring as needed. Add the onion and cook until softened, about 3 minutes, stirring often. Add the garlic and crushed red pepper and cook until fragrant, about 1

minute. Stir in the remaining sauce ingredients and simmer uncovered for 25 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Whisk the ricotta ingredients in a bowl until smooth. Heat the oven to 375 degrees.

Spoon a thin layer of sauce in bottom of a baking dish. Place a layer of lasagna sheets over the sauce, breaking them to fit to size as necessary. Smear some of the ricotta over the lasagna sheets. Arrange some of the kale leaves over the ricotta and drizzle some of the sauce over the kale. Scatter some mozzarella over the kale and sprinkle with grated cheese. Repeat the layering process, gently pressing down on the layers as you stack the lasagna. (You may not use up all of lasagna sheets.)

Cover the dish with foil, transfer to the oven, and bake for 40 minutes. Remove the foil and continue to bake until the lasagna sheets are tender when pierced with a knife, the cheese is bubbling and the top is golden brown, 15 to 20 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes before cutting and serving.

Traditions, change are on the table for holidays

By MELISSA RAYWORTH
Associated Press

Nina Bryant will cook a feast for Thanksgiving this year, as always.

Bryant works as an executive chef. But in her own family, she’s the one everyone depends on to prepare her grandmother’s recipes, which spark memories at the holidays. So along with a turkey, Bryant will make her grandmother’s sweet potato souffle, and fingerling potatoes with tender asparagus.

This time, because of the pandemic, she’ll do it all several days before Thanksgiving, then ship portions from her home in Florida to her family around the country.

That same week, Jeannine Thibodeau plans to go all out as well. She’ll bake brownies three days in advance. Then she’ll roast a turkey, along with

“about 5 pounds of mashed potatoes and gravy and stuffing and green beans and cranberry sauce.”

Since she can’t welcome the friends she’d normally invite, she’ll pack ample portions in gift bags with handwritten notes, then place the bags on her stoop for contactless pickup on Thanksgiving Day.

Once mealtime arrives, Bryant and Thibodeaux both plan to fire up digital devices and connect with loved ones over Zoom. Family and friends will eat together, apart, sharing in the communal experience of a holiday meal without being able to ask each other to pass the gravy.

If ever there were a year when people could use the comfort of a big holiday dinner, this is it. Yet in 2020, a joyful, multigenerational meal around a crowded, indoor dinner table is a po-

tentially high-risk activity.

“My Thanksgiving is going to look very different this year,” Dr. Anthony Fauci told CBS Evening News this week. The infectious-disease expert said his children won’t be coming in from out of town “out of concern for me and my age.”

Fauci said he understands the emotional attachment people have to Thanksgiving and holiday gatherings, but urged everyone to be careful this year. Evaluate the risks, especially with relatives who arrived on airplanes, and protect the elderly and people with underlying conditions.

What does it look like when when longstanding holiday traditions can’t happen?

Ritual celebrations have been with us since the beginning, but there has always been room for improvisation, says Hanna Kim, department chair of anthropolo-

gy at Adelphi University in Garden City, N.Y.

She points to recent New York Times wedding announcements as an example of how people can rethink traditional celebrations. The announcements “show the range of ways in which those getting married have in fact drilled down to what is most of significance for them – and with no homogeneity.”

We can bring that same creativity to Thanksgiving and other holidays this year, says Catherine Sanderson, professor of psychology at Amherst College. “Rituals make the ordinary extraordinary,” says Sanderson. “A pumpkin pie on a random day in October is just a pumpkin pie. But a pumpkin pie on the fourth Thursday of November is not just pumpkin pie: It’s part of Thanksgiving. Our intentions, coupled with the season, elevate it.”

The dirty secret of Amazon Prime Day: Shoppers aren’t saving as much as they think

There’s always buzz around Amazon’s Prime Day, the sale extravaganza for Prime members, people who pay the company an annual or monthly fee to be specially treated with more ways to spend.

You may even plan your day around snatching a sale item or two – or three. And coming soon will be similar promotions from Target, Walmart and other retailers. But keep this in mind about any sale: You never save when you spend.

A sale is just a retailer’s ploy to get you to think you’re saving money on your purchase. The offer of a discount makes people emotionally irrational, says Jeff Kreisler, the co-author of “Dollars and Sense: How We Misthink Money and How to Spend Smarter.”

“Our unconscious decision-making biases lead us to make poor spending choices, whether through intentional traps set by retailers or by our own volition,” Kreisler says. “We get excited by the cool, fun, uniquely satisfying emotional rewards of something like Prime Day and lose sight of our goals and budgets.”

And yes, I know you love the free shipping. I’m not trying to get in your way of Prime membership privileges. I just need you to weigh the real costs. (Jeff Bezos, the chief executive of Amazon, owns The Washington Post.)

“It’s always good to take advantage of opportunities to purchase goods and services at lower prices than usual,” says Ric Edelman, co-founder of Edelman Financial Engines. “But this assumes you were planning to make the purchase in the first place, and that the purchase is necessary and appropriate, given your personal finances and financial goals.”

The more you understand behavioral finance, the more money you’ll actually save and invest.

“If you pay \$200 for clothing that usually costs \$300, you’ll brag about saving \$100 when in fact you spent \$200,” Edelman points out. “Even supermarket coupons are a problem. No one who uses a save \$1 off coupon actually saves a dollar.”

Retailers know manipulation works. “That’s why they often offer sales events,” Edelman says. “They know that total purchases will rise, often by people spending money they can’t afford on purchases they don’t need.”

The better behavior is to decide what purchases you need to make and how much money you can afford to spend. “If the purchases exceed your self-imposed budget, reduce your purchase list instead of increasing your budget,” he says. “Otherwise, you’ll become broke, and you’ll stay broke.”

Here are some tips from Kreisler on how to pull back when Amazon Prime deals seem too good to pass up.

■ Ignore anything that highlights how much you’re saving. Forget about “original” or “suggested” prices. You need to keep telling yourself that when you buy something that used to be \$100 but is advertised as 35 percent off, you’re not saving \$35, you’re spending \$65, Kreisler says.

■ What would your future self say about the deal today? “Marketing campaigns get us to act emotionally, irrationally and impulsively by focusing on the temptations of the present or how good it would feel right now to save big, get a treat, or get some needed retail therapy,” Kreisler says. “To combat the enormous pull of the present, to get out of the hot state of the moment, think of your future self. What would you in six months or two years say about buying a flat-screen TV instead of saving that money for a potential second wave of COVID-19 lockdowns and layoffs?”

■ Don’t fall for manufactured scarcity. Did you really need 200 rolls of toilet paper in March? Does the airline really only have three seats left at that price? Retailers like to pretend this is your last chance to get a bargain, but it’s not. There’s always another “sale.”

■ Don’t be anchored to past purchases. Kreisler says just because Amazon or some other data-hoarding algorithm reminds you that you bought something before, don’t assume that was the right decision and automatically buy it again. Or, fall for the “related item suggestions” that become a rabbit hole of more stuff placed in your online shopping cart.

■ Don’t follow the herd. Often when you don’t know if a buying decision is right, you look to what others are doing. Just because all of your friends are buying the latest thing – a new phone, a Nintendo Switch or the Echo Dot – doesn’t mean you have to buy it too.

These tips may not stop you from succumbing to the exhilaration of thinking that you got something for a “steal” during Amazon Prime Day. But going forward, try to curb your enthusiasm for discount deals because the reality is you’re not actually saving any money.

Michelle Singletary



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Fertility rates are almost always linked to faith issues

It was one of those happy social media pictures, only this time, the pregnant mother was celebrating with her nine children.

Los Angeles comedian and actor Kai Choyce was not amused and tweeted the photo with this comment: “this is environmental terrorism. ... In the year 2020 literally no one should have ten kids.”

The result was a long chain of sweet and snarky comments, as well as photos of large families. One tweet quoted a Swedish study claiming that having “one fewer child per family” can save an average of 58.6 tons of “CO2-equivalent emissions per year.”

Debates about fertility often veer into fights about

religion and other ultimate questions, such as the fate of the planet.

Parents with two-plus children are often making a statement about the role of religious faith in their lives. People on the other side of this debate have frequently rejected traditional forms of religion.

“What we call ‘culture wars’ are wars about demographics, but we have trouble discussing that,” said historian Philip Jenkins, who is best known for decades of research into global religious trends, while teaching at Pennsylvania State and Baylor University. His latest book is “Fertility and Faith: The Demographic Revolution and the Transformation of World Religions.”

In the 1970s, researchers thought the link between secularization and falling birth rates was a “Protestant thing” in Europe, he said, but then the trend spread

into Catholic cultures in Europe and in Latin America. Fertility rates are now collapsing in Iran and some Islamic cultures. Meanwhile, Orthodox Jews and traditional Catholics continue to have larger families than liberal believers in those ancient faiths.

America’s 2019 birth rate fell to 1.71, its lowest level in three decades, and well under the replacement rate of 2.1. That was before the coronavirus pandemic, and before the Brookings Institution’s recent prediction of a “COVID baby bust” next year, resulting in up to half a million fewer births.

Researchers frequently argue about which comes first: secularization or declining fertility.

“I’m not sure that really matters, because these two trends are so clearly related that they just march along together,” said Jenkins. “If you tell me the fertility rate

in any given culture, I’m going to be able to predict the status of religious life there – in terms of people supporting religious institutions and practicing a religious faith.”

In recent decades, researchers have noted that the more citizens practice traditional forms of faith – worship attendance levels are crucial – the more likely they are to support politicians who are conservative on moral and cultural issues. This is frequently called the “pew gap.”

This trend has helped fuel conflicts between urban Americans along the East and West coasts and those living in smaller cities and rural areas in the heartland.

During national elections, Jenkins added, “studying the fertility rates in specific states usually tells you what will happen” in voting booths. Clashes over religious and cultural issues

“almost always translate into political behavior.”

When studying ties between “secularization” and fertility rates, Jenkins stressed that it’s important to focus on whether people actively support religious institutions and strive to practice specific doctrines. More and more Americans will “say that they have religious beliefs of some kind of another, but they no longer choose to belong to traditional religious groups” or follow specific doctrines.

Thus, it’s crucial to note the continuing surge in the number of religiously unaffiliated Americans who identify as “nothing in particular” or “spiritual, but not religious.” Last year, the Pew Research Center updated its research on this subject, noting that 26 percent of Americans are so-called “nones” – up from 17 percent one decade ago.

The bottom line: Changes

in religious practices and beliefs are – in America and around the world – having practical effects in bedrooms, nurseries, sanctuaries, voting booths, classrooms and elsewhere.

“When you disconnect marriage, sexuality and children, you also start redefining the meaning of family and all that goes with that,” said Jenkins. “That’s a perfect example of how changes affecting religious institutions and doctrines turn into conflicts that affect politics and culture. ...

“You don’t see the kinds of culture wars that we see all around us without these kinds of demographic trends running in the background, changes based on how people are actually living their lives.”

Terry Mattingly leads GetReligion.org and lives in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He is a senior fellow at the Overby Center at the University of Mississippi.

STAFF REPORT

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ

Online services are available by visiting www.bachelorcreek.com.

Christ United Methodist Church

On Sunday, Oct. 18 worship service at Christ United Methodist Church, 477 N. Wabash St., is at 10 a.m. Pastor Tom Richards’ scripture reading will be Jude 1-24 with a sermon reflection titled “Contend for the Faith.” Worship service is streamed live every Sunday on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash/.

Christian Heritage Church

Streaming services online and broadcast on 95.9 FM.

College Corner Brethren Church

Pastor Joe Bellone’s sermons are posted (with handouts) on both Facebook and YouTube under “College Corner Brethren Church.”

Dora Christian Church

At the Sunday, Oct. 18 service at Dora Christian Church in Lagro, the minister will be Mark Wisniewski, the song leader will be Olman Sanchez, the pianist will be Sherry Brock and the organist will be Kristy Good. We have two morning Sunday services, one at 8:15 a.m. and one at 10:30 a.m., with Sunday school classes for all ages from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Preacher Mark Wisniewski’s message for this Sunday will be, “Comfort for Difficult Times – Smyrna” from Revelation 2:8-11 as a part of the ongoing sermon series, “Where Do We Go from Here?” The Communion Table will be served by Brad Frieden and Scott Hendry. Children’s Church is provided for the 10:30 a.m. service with Kelly and Lynnette Good teaching this week. If you can’t make it to the Live Services, Preacher Mark Wisniewski’s sermon will be posted on the Dora Christian Church Facebook group Sunday morning for all to see.

First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church will be streaming the Sunday morning worship service for the next few weeks at 10 a.m. through Facebook at facebook.com/wabashfirstumc.

LaFontaine Christian Church

The LaFontaine Christian Church pre-records the sermon which is then available for all to view at www.lafontainechristian.com under the sermons tab, stated Pastor Brad Wright.

LaFontaine United Methodist Church

Pastor Susan Shambaugh

says that her LaFontaine United Methodist Church is live-streaming on their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/LaFontaine-United-Methodist-Church> and that it may be accessed as a video afterward.

Lincolntown United Methodist Church

Lincolntown United Methodist worship services are at 10 a.m. Sundays, with Sunday school at 9 a.m. at 5848 E. 500 South. For more information, email Pastor John Cool at pastorjohn1954@gmail.com or call 260-563-1406.

Living Faith Lutheran Church

Online services only at www.livingfaithwabash.org.

Manchester Church of the Brethren

Pastor Kurt Borgmann from the Manchester Church of the Brethren stated they will hold a live-stream service at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday by visiting www.manchestercob.net. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the black button that says, “Manchester CoB YouTube Channel.” After the service is finished, one may access a video copy of the live-stream in the same way. Another way to access the live-stream or posted video: go to YouTube, search “Manchester Church of the Brethren,” and click on the circle profile.

North Manchester Congregational Christian Church

Pastor Sebrina Cline stated live streaming begins on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sundays for the North Manchester Congregational Christian Church, and lasts 30 to 40 minutes.

North Manchester Missionary Church

The North Manchester Missionary Church is streaming live on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday. The video is then placed on their webpage, which can be viewed by visiting NMMC1.com.

Olive Branch Church of God

The Olive Branch Church of God live-streams Sun-

day mornings at 10 a.m. Find it through Facebook, by searching Olive Branch Church, or by visiting www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch or through the church website www.olivebranch.church. Click “Live Streaming” at the top, then click the series icon (lion head).

Roann United Methodist Church

Pastor Wayne Balmer’s will have service for Sunday, Oct. 18 in our church at 9 a.m. along with being on Facebook. The sermon is from Matthew 26:14-16 is titled, “Betrayal.”

Southside Free Will Baptist

Streaming on their Facebook Page.

Sweetwater Assembly of God

Streaming services online using the normal service schedule.

Urbana Yoke Parish

Rev. Larry Wade of the Urbana Yoke Parish stated that his congregation posts Sunday services to www.urbana.yokeparish.com. Go to the menu line at the top of the page and select “Worship Videos.” The most recent one will appear first. Sunday services are posted by noon every Tuesday.

Victory Christian Fellowship

“Intercessory Prayer: How God Can Use Your Prayers to Move Heaven and Earth,” an eight-session DVD series with accompanying notes, will begin at 7 p.m. each Wednesday through Nov. 11 at 112 W. Main St., North Manchester. There is no fee for the series. For further information, call 260-982-8357.

Wabash Church of the Brethren

At the Wabash Church of the Brethren, Pastor Doug Veal is holding a Zoom meeting each Sunday for worship. The meeting is open at 10:15 a.m. so that everyone can be connected by 10:30 a.m. Join this church service by visiting <https://zoom.us/j/393263884> or by calling 312-626-6799 and enter meeting ID No. 393 263 884.

Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) offers streaming at 9:30 a.m. Sundays both on their website at wabashchristian.org and Facebook page, Wabash Christian Church. The minister is Rev. Haley Asberry.

Wabash Church of the Brethren

Wabash Church of the Brethren, 645 Bond St., hasn’t fully opened for in-person services, but services are available to view online at www.wabashcob.org.

Wabash Church of the Nazarene

Pastor Kirk Johnson, of the Wabash Church of the Nazarene, stated their service is available on YouTube on

Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Find it by going to YouTube and search for “Wabash Nazarene” or search Facebook for the Wabash Church of the Nazarene. Another option is to visit www.wabashnaz.com, look for the home page, and find “Latest Sermon.”

Wabash First Church of God

At the 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 18 worship service, Pastor Robb Rensberger will speak on “Encounter of Jesus, Judging and Measuring.” The sermon may also be seen on YouTube under Wabash 1st Church and heard at 11 a.m. Sunday on 105.9 FM. (Please note the new time.) While in the church building, masks are optional but we do practice social distancing. Sunday Servants are Sue White, chairperson; Tina Eakright, worship; Rose Sands, piano

and Nancy Kolb, organ.

Walk By Faith Community Church

Pastor Greg Wilburn of Roann’s Walk By Faith Community Church says to access his online sermons at www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com.

Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash

Pastor Jerry Gauthier says that the Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash is streaming through their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/zionwabash at 10:30 a.m. Sundays.

Editor’s note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplainedealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.

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Alpha Zeta Chapter of DKG Society International holds September meeting

Nancy Kolb was the member attending from Wabash County

STAFF REPORT

The Alpha Zeta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International (DKG) held a virtual meeting at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, according to Nancy Kolb.

Delta Kappa Gamma is a women's education society of key women educators. The Alpha Zeta Chapter is made up of members who

work or live in Grant, Huntington, Wabash and Whitley counties.

The chapter welcomed a new member, Samantha Sut-torous.

Jadean Barnes installed new officers for 2020-2022 as follows:

President: Sue Corbin and Ann Ambler

1st Vice President: Vicki Hinen

2nd Vice President: Nathe-da Mills

Recording Secretary: Don-na Myer

Corresponding Secretary:

Roxanne Thomas

Treasurer: Darlene Bockel-man

Carol Herzog was congrat-ulated on her appointment as Chairman of the DKG Inter-national Constitution Com-mittee.

The chapter received an In-diana State Organization's 5 Star Newsletter Award. Susan Keefer was thanked.

The chapter project this year will be to donate to the food banks in each county.

The program was on How to Build a DKG Virtual Library. Judy Kehmeyer and Vicki

Hinen gave an excellent pre-sentation. Willing members would choose a picture book or book for older elementary students, practice reading it with flair and theatrics, go to Loom.com to create an ac-count, record herself reading the book, save the video and post it to the library where any active teacher may use it in the classroom.

The meeting closed with the singing of the DKG song and adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Kolb was the member at-tending from Wabash Coun-ty.

Southwood announces first quarter honor rolls for 2020-2021 school year

STAFF REPORT

Southwood Jr/Sr High School has announced its honor roll lists for the first quarter of the 2020-2021 school year, according to a press release:

'All A' Honor Roll

Grade 7: Sylvia Bakehorn, Colleen Boardman, Cooper Drake, Malia Mahan, Victor Mondragon, Ryan Nelson, Ivan Ranck, Sophia Temple and Lilah Vandermark.

Grade 8: Luke Andrews, Quinn Claussen, Jaiya Corn, Grace Drake, Courtney Finney, Hannah Garrison, Zoey Gay-lourd, Rowan Goodpasture, Averi Haecker, Luke Herring, Mason Hipskind, Daedric Kaeher, Gabriel Mealy, Keaton Metzger, Rylee Thomas, Lucy Vander-mark and Ian Vanderpool.

Grade 9: Emma Adams, Ran-

dall Boone, Carrie Collins, Lili-auna Combs, Madis-Anne Cul-ver, Derek Deeter, Abigail Guyer, Ethan Lochard, Kalen Parke, Libee Price, Micah Smith, Shy-anne Stout, Carley Whitesel and Will Winer.

Grade 10: Elise Adams, Bryn Mealy, Katelyn Ranck and Dakota Wilson.

Grade 11: Joseph Bland, Madison Hipskind, Maddison Hunter and Bailey Wyatt.

Grade 12: Emily DeVore, Natalie Haycraft, Homero Lopez, Erin McGouldrick, Madi-son Snyder and Braden Sweet

'A/B' Honor Roll

Grade 7: Isabelle Ashba, Grif-fin Chambers, Hailey Collins, Owen Enyeart, Brody Height, Nolan Hiner, Danika Holbrook, Coan Holloway, Rachel Lawson, Emily Lochard, Maddox Mar-shall, Logan Moore, Logan Shellhamer, Wyatt Smith, Olivia

Snow, Elijah Stephens, Natalie Sutphin, Jamin Taylor and Brody Wattles.

Grade 8: Elijah Boone, Taylor Cavins, Alaina Dague, Kenyon Filip, Madison Grace, Jordn Hartline, Aubree Huffman, Isa-bella Knotte, Hope Niccum, Meryn Norman, Morgan Powell, Logan Robberts, Makenna Snow, Duke Sparks, Lydia Topliff, Ryley Wilcox and Audri Winer.

Grade 9: Audrey Amos, Macy Barney, Ashley Benavidez, Casey Boardman, Jaret Denney, Allie Haecker, Blayne Hamilton, Jordan Hart, Logan Hiner, Elijah Jones, Hayden Jones, Ryan McGouldrick, Kinsley Miller, Bryce Rigney, Drew Shoemaker, Kinzie Stouffer, Noah Veals, Sidney Webb and Caleb Wyatt.

Grade 10: Karson Baldwin, Tobias Cummins, Zebadiah Herring, Mark McNeeley, Jason Oprisek, Lyndzy Silvers, Kyle

Smith, Dylan Stout, Isaiah Sut-ton, Aleia Sweet, Cole Winer and Braxton Worthington.

Grade 11: Morgan Brock, Jarrett Craft, Mya Denney, Beau Kendall, Makenlie Lambert, Haley Lanning, Jacob Marlow, Marissa Metzger, Trista Roser, Breklon Salyers, Madison Sarll, Adam Seacott, Brayden Smith, Lilly Snow, Amelia Sweet and Tyler Whitesel.

Grade 12: Maggie Ball, Logan Barley, Mariah Brown, Skyler Claussen, Abbie Cornett, Isabel Davis, Alexander Farr, Jacob Figert, Jack Guyer, Monica Hob-son, Marissa Jones, Gracen Kelley, Connor Rich, Zachary Roudebush, Alyzabeth Smith, Elijah Sutton, Breklynne Swish-er, Alix Winer and Mason Yentes.

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Record amount of early votes transforms election

By **NICHOLAS RICCARDI** and **ANGELIKI KASTANIS**

Associated Press

Nearly 21 million Ameri-cans have already cast bal-lots in the 2020 election, a record-shattering avalanche of early votes driven both by Democratic enthusiasm and a pandemic that has trans-formed the way the nation votes.

The 20.8 million ballots submitted as of Friday after-noon represents 15 percent of all the votes cast in the 2016 presidential election, even as eight states are not yet report-ing their totals and voters still have more than two weeks to cast ballots. Americans' rush to vote is leading election ex-perts to predict that a record 150 million votes may be cast and turnout rates could be higher than in any presiden-tial election since 1908.

"It's crazy," said Michael McDonald, a University of Florida political scientist who has long tracked voting for his site ElectProject.org. McDonald's analysis shows roughly 10 times as many people have voted compared with this point in 2016.

"We can be certain this will be a high-turnout election," McDonald said.

So far the turnout has been lopsided, with Democrats outvoting Republicans by a 2-1 ratio in the 42 states in-cluded in The Associated Press count. Republicans have been bracing them-selves for this early Demo-cratic advantage for months, as they've watched President Donald Trump rail against mail-in ballots and raise un-founded worries about fraud. Polling, and now early vot-ing, suggest the rhetoric has turned his party's rank and file away from a method of voting that, traditionally, they dominated in the weeks be-fore Election Day.

That gives Democrats a tactical advantage in the final stretch of the campaign. In many critical battleground states, Democrats have "banked" a chunk of their voters and can turn their time and money toward harder-to-find infrequent voters.

But it does not necessarily mean Democrats will lead in votes by the time ballots are counted. Both parties antici-pate a swell of Republican votes on Election Day that could, in a matter of hours, dramatically shift the dynam-ic.

"The Republican numbers are going to pick up," said John Couvillon, a GOP poll-ster who is tracking early vot-ing. "The question is at what velocity, and when?"

Couvillon said Democrats cannot rest on their voting lead, but Republicans are themselves making a big gamble. A number of factors, from rising virus infections to the weather, can impact in-person turnout on Election Day. "If you're putting all your faith into one day of vot-ing, that's really high risk," Couvillon said.

That's why, despite Trump's rhetoric, his campaign and party are encouraging their own voters to cast ballots by mail or early and in-per-son. The campaign, which has been sending volunteers and staffers into the field for months despite the pandemic, touts a swell in voter registra-tion in key swing states like Florida and Pennsylvania – a sharp reversal from the usual pattern as a presidential elec-tion looms.

But it's had limited success in selling absentee voting. In key swing states, Republi-cans remain far less interest-ed in voting by mail.

In Pennsylvania, more than three-quarters of the more than 437,000 ballots sent through the mail so far have been from Democrats. In Florida, half of all ballots sent through the mail so far have been from Democrats and less than a third of them from Republicans. Even in Colora-do, a state where every voter is mailed a ballot and Repub-

licans usually dominate the first week of voting, only 19 percent of ballots returned have been from Republicans.

"This is all encouraging, but three weeks is a lifetime," Democratic data strategist Tom Bonier said of the early vote numbers. "We are may be midway through the first quarter and Democrats have put a couple of points on the board."

The massive amount of voting has occurred without any of the violent skirmishes at polling places that some activists and law enforce-ment officials feared. It has featured high-profile errors – 100,000 faulty mail ballots sent out in New York, 50,000 in Columbus, Ohio, and a vendor supplying that state and Pennsylvania blaming delays in sending ballots on overwhelming demand. But there's little evidence of the mass disruption that some feared as election offices had to abruptly shift to deal with the influx of early voting.

But there have been ex-traordinary lines and hours-long wait times in Georgia, Texas and North Carolina as they've opened in-person early voting. The delays were largely a result of insufficient resources to handle the surge, something advocates contend is a form of voter suppres-sion.

Republicans argue that these signs of enthusiasm are meaningless – Democratic early voters are people who would have voted anyway, they say. But an AP analysis of the early vote shows 8 per-

cent of early voters had never cast a ballot before, and 13.8 percent had voted in half or fewer of previous elections for which they were eligible.

Frances Slocum Chapter of the DAR holds October meeting

The next meeting will be on Nov. 10 at the Grandstaff-Hentgen Activity Room

STAFF REPORT

The monthly meeting of the Frances Slocum Chap-ter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) took place on Tues-day, Oct. 13 at the Grand-staff-Hentgen Activity Room, according to Barba-ra Amiss, regent.

The meeting opened with the DAR ritual, followed by devotions by Tamra Wise.

The October President General's message from Denise Doring VanBuren was shared by Kie Kirk. Recognizing the group's founding Oct. 11, 1890, the group marks not only our society's Day of Prayer but also the fifth annual Na-tional DAR Day of Service.

U.S. Navy.

Committee Minutes were on Conservation: Forecast-ing Folklore, American Flag, American Indian, Constitution, Women's Is-sues and Domestic Vio-lence Awareness Month.

Correspondence was an invitation to attend the 240th annual commem-oration ceremony of the American Revolutionary War battle between Colo-nel Augustin de la Balme and his men and Chief Lit-tle Turtle and his Miami Indians, which occurred on or about Nov. 5, 1780. The event is at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7 at the memorial site at 7175 East de le Balme Road, Columbia City.

The history of the Roann Log Cabin was given by Carol Swihart Long and Steve Christman, both de-scendants from the Ab-shire family lineage. The log cabin was built north of the Eel River in August of 1863 by Alexander and Susanna (Swihart) Abshire. The family donated it to the town of Roann in 1966 as a tribute to the first settlers who arrived in this area. It was dismantled log by log in March 1966 and taken to the park in the center of the uptown area. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

"I am immensely proud of the ways that our members have volunteered during the pandemic – and I have every confidence that you will continue to imagine and then execute outstand-ing community service for our national celebration, as well," said Doring VanBu-ren.

The National Defender report celebrated the 245th birthday of the U.S. Navy, tracing its founding to the date Oct. 13, 1775.

The Continental Congress authorized the purchase of two vessels to be armed and manned to search for ships supplying the Brit-ish army with weapons and ammunition during the Revolutionary War.

The first ship acquired was the Hannah early in September, and on Oct. 13, Congress approved creat-ing the Continental Navy, the forerunner of today's




The next meeting of the Frances Slocum Chap-ter will be Nov. 10 at the Grandstaff-Hentgen Activ-ity Room.

Prospective members and guests are always welcome to attend. DAR member-ship is open to any woman 18 years of age, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. Those having questions about their fam-ily history lineage informa-tion may contact www.dar.org or Linda Thompson at 260-563-4661 or Amiss at 260-982-4376.



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GOP, Dems hope Supreme Court fight bolsters Senate prospects

By **ALAN FRAM**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For Republicans, the nomination fight over Amy Conney Barrett is a chance to seal conservative control of the Supreme Court for decades. For some GOP senators, it's also a lifeline they hope will preserve their political careers and their party's control of the chamber in November's elections.

The battle over President Donald Trump's pick is letting Senate Republicans facing tough reelections highlight issues like abortion and link themselves to a conservative, religious woman whose confirmation seems certain. Most importantly, they hope it will change the subject from Trump and his failure to control the coronavirus pandemic, which threaten to make Election Day miserable for the GOP.

But even some Republicans privately doubt the court battle will distract voters enough to make a difference. And Democrats are appealing to voters too, saying the GOP-led Senate is ignoring greater needs to quickly cement a 6-3 conservative court majority, threatening Democratic priorities like former President Barack Obama's health care law and the right to abortion.

"The Senate has a big job to do right now, and that's fighting the virus and getting people the relief they need," said Democratic consultant Rodd McLeod, citing long-stalled economic relief legislation. "Instead, they're rushing through this nomination."

There are competitive races for around a dozen GOP-held seats as the party defends its 53-47 Senate majority in next month's elections. About half of them are in states like Montana and Kansas where Trump won easily in 2016 and embracing Barrett should win broad approval. But the rest are in battleground states like Arizona, Georgia, Iowa and Maine, where backing her is riskier.

Either way, both sides are using the Supreme Court battle in fundraising appeals and other ways that underscore its political potency.

From the day after the September death of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg — whose vacancy Barrett will fill — through this Wednesday, each party has spent around \$4 million on broadcast TV commercials highlighting the nomination fight, according to Kantar/CMAG, the

ad-tracking firm. Democrats have advertised in seven Senate races and Republicans in eight. All but one, Sen. Doug Jones' uphill effort to survive in GOP-dominated Alabama, are contests where Republicans are defending seats.

In a common GOP theme, a spot by Senate candidate Rep. Roger Marshall of Kansas says Democratic challenger Barbara Bollier would be "just another liberal rubber stamp" for judges favored by Democratic leaders.

The liberal group Demand Justice is running its own ad against incumbent GOP senators in Arizona, Colorado, Iowa, Maine and North Carolina, hitting them for ignoring the pandemic while "rushing to play politics with the court."

Four GOP senators in competitive campaigns are on the Senate Judiciary Committee, which wrapped up hearings Thursday on Barrett's nomination. All four — John Cornyn of Texas, Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, Joni Ernst of Iowa and Thom Tillis of North Carolina — used the sessions to praise Barrett and flash opposition to abortion or champion other hot-button conservative favorites.

That didn't escape the notice of Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., her party's vice presidential nominee and a Judiciary Committee member. She recited the number of people from those states who she said would lose coverage if the justices strike down the health care law. The court is scheduled to hear arguments in a GOP-backed case seeking to dismantle the statute the week after the election.

No GOP senator stood to potentially benefit more than Graham, the Judiciary chairman.

Seeking his fourth term from a state where Trump remains popular, Graham faces a tossup contest against Democrat Jaime Harrison, who raised a record \$57 million in this year's third quarter. Chairing the televised hearings gave Graham four days to boast about golfing with Trump, demonstrate how GOP Senate control means more conservative judges and to gesture to women voters, many of whom have fled the party because of Trump.

Graham said Barrett's confirmation will pierce "a reinforced concrete barrier around conservative women." Barrett, 48, has previously expressed opposition to abortion but during the hearings asserted that as a

justice she'd set aside her personal views.

So far, public opinion polls offer little evidence that supporting Barrett is a clear winner.

A poll by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research, conducted mostly before nomination hearings began, showed Americans roughly evenly divided among favoring her confirmation, opposing it and being uncertain. In a recent survey by The Washington Post and ABC News, a slight majority of registered voters said they'd prefer letting the next elected president fill the seat.

"It's motivating both parties' bases for sure," said Republican pollster Robert Blizzard. "It's not changing the narrative or the trajectory of the races. But that's today," he said, citing possible unforeseen events by Election Day.

So far, Democratic senators and outside groups opposing Barrett have used measured tones against her.

That contrasts with the 2018 confirmation fight over Trump Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh, who was accused of a decades-old sexual assault that he denied. Republicans turned raucous public protests into a weapon for that fall's elections, accusing Democrats of using "mobs" to oppose him.

This week, no public witnesses were allowed in the hearing room because of COVID-19 restrictions. "It's not a strategic choice, it's a fact of the times," said Brian Fallon, who heads the progressive Demand Justice.

Ironically, Democrats have spent most of their money on Supreme Court-themed ads against Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine. She and Alaska Sen. Lisa Murkowski, who's not facing reelection, are the only two Republicans expected to oppose Barrett, but Democrats think the issue helps emphasize Collins' support for the divisive president.

One spot by Democratic challenger Sara Gideon pictures Collins with Kavanaugh. Collins' decisive vote for him has been a major issue in her campaign. "Susan Collins is an enabler," the announcer says.

Collins has said she'll oppose Barrett because Republicans were rushing the vote too close to the presidential election. When a vacancy occurred in February 2016, the GOP refused to consider Obama's nominee, claiming that year's election was too soon.

Virus surges in key battleground states as election nears

By **SCOTT BAUER**

Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — Rising coronavirus cases in key presidential battleground states a little more than two weeks before Election Day are the latest worry for election officials and voters fearing chaos or exposure to the virus at polling places despite months of planning.

The prospect of poll workers backing out at the last minute because they are infected, quarantined or scared of getting sick has local election officials in Midwest states such as Iowa and Wisconsin opening more early voting locations, recruiting backup workers and encouraging voters to plan for long lines and other inconveniences.

Confirmed virus cases and COVID-19 deaths are on the rise in the swing states of Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Wisconsin.

Wisconsin broke records this week for new coronavirus cases, deaths and hospitalizations, leading to the opening of a field hospital to handle overflow patients. Gov. Tony Evers said he plans to activate the Wisconsin National Guard to fill any staffing shortages at election sites.

While holding a competitive presidential election during a pandemic is "tricky business," the governor said, "People are ready to have this election over, and I think it will be a successful election with very few hiccups."

In Iowa, Scott County Auditor Roxanna Moritz opened additional early voting sites in and around the Davenport, the state's third-largest city, to try to reduce the number people casting ballots on Election Day and the virus from spreading in large precincts.

"We have to remember that there is this thing called COVID," Moritz said. "Our numbers aren't getting any better. The more people I can get to early vote, the better."

The pandemic's recent trajectory close to home has led some residents who have always voted in person on Election Day to reconsider a lifetime tradition.

Retiree Ray Lohse, 68, voted Thursday at a library branch in Davenport that election officials opened to early voting. He said he was concerned about long lines and getting exposed to the coronavirus on Nov. 3, and considered voting by mail but instead took advantage of extended in-person option.

"I kind of like the idea of still going in and actually doing it," Lohse said.

In some states, voting early still has carried health risks. Voters in Georgia, Texas and elsewhere encountered hours-long lines that required

congregating with hundreds of other people this week. In Georgia, nearly a quarter of the workers in a warehouse where election supplies are kept and voting equipment is readied tested positive for COVID-19.

The positive tests for 13 of the 60 workers at the Fulton County election preparation center shouldn't delay election operations, county elections director Rick Barron said. Barron said Georgia's most populous county is working to hire replacement staff and implement additional safety measures, including daily rapid testing.

Despite the rebound of the coronavirus, voters in several Midwest lined up Friday to cast their ballots early.

Robert Baccus, 52, an independent contractor from Columbus, Ohio, was among hundreds in line at the Franklin County Board of Elections early voting center. He said he doesn't trust voting by mail, so early voting was his best option for casting a ballot while trying to safeguard his health.

"It's a choice between life and death, really," said Baccus, a supporter of Democratic nominee Joe Biden. "We could not do it and our votes won't be counted. It's a choice I've got to make for my children and grandchildren."

Vickie Howard-Penn, 50, a TSA worker from Columbus, said it was obvious Friday that the record virus cases Ohio reported this week had not deterred fellow voters.

"Did you see the lines? There are three lines trying to get up this way," Howard-Penn said outside the Franklin County election board. She also planned to vote for Biden.

In Iowa, Tim Tompkins, a welding engineer, took the day off work to cast an early ballot at the Bettendorf Community Center. Tomkins, 62, said he and his wife, Pat, were concerned about coronavirus exposure in bigger crowds and brought their own sanitizer, but were determined to vote.

"We'd go through a vat of boiling COVID to get the current president out of office," Tomkins said.

Election officials in Wisconsin said the state's presidential primary provided lessons they were guiding current preparations.

Wisconsin held its presidential primary early in the pandemic after Democratic attempts to delay the April voting were thwarted. Voters waited in long lines in Milwaukee and elsewhere because a worker shortage meant there were fewer polling places.

Several election officials said they were confident they would have enough poll

workers, sanitation supplies and protective gear to ensure Election Day goes smoothly and safely. But they are also encouraging voters to cast their ballots early, if they can.

"Our clerks and communities have learned a lot since the April election," Waukesha County Clerk Meg Wartman said. "Our community members, our voters, are a lot more confident about how they can be out (safely). ... I wouldn't want people to be afraid to go to the polls because I think we're better prepared."

Wisconsin voter Jon Gausewitz, 37, still plans to vote in person on Election Day. He said that could change if the virus situation worsens where he lives outside Madison, the state capital.

"I'm just watching the numbers and rates and hospitalizations, that sort of thing, to see where we're at," Gausewitz said. "I'm still feeling pretty safe about it."

In Ohio, county election boards have put elaborate plans in place to keep voters safe during in-person voting that began Oct. 6, Ohio Association of Election Officials spokesman Aaron Ockerman said.

Republican Secretary of State Frank LaRose updated a 61-point health and safety plan in late September that provides boards with detailed guidance on sanitation, use of personal protective gear, social distancing and other measures.

Anxiety among older Ohio voters may have helped drive the huge turnout at an online AARP-sponsored town hall with the secretary of state this week. More than 15,000 people dialed in, peppering the elections chief with technical questions about voting by mail.

As reassurance, LaRose provided his personal email address to participants and urged them to write with questions. Elections officials are preparing lists of reserve poll workers who are willing to be called on at the last minute.

Minnesota election officials have recruited all 30,000 poll workers they believe are needed to run the general election. They have cross-trained numerous others, including county and city workers, as reserves in case they're needed, Risikat Ade-saogun, a spokeswoman for Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon, said.

Officials in the battleground states reported no plans to close polling places, even if virus cases continue to spike.

"Obviously, we would try to open as many polling places as possible," said Nick Custodio, a deputy commissioner for Philadelphia's election office. "We don't want to close polling places unless that is what is advised."

Late-night smoking clouds neighbors' sweet dreams

DEAR ABBY: My family and I bought a house in a nice, quiet, safe neighborhood three years ago. What we didn't know prior to moving in was that our next-door neighbor sometimes smokes cigarettes.

It rains eight months out of the year here, and we usually keep our windows closed, so it isn't an issue. But during the summer, we like to sleep with the windows open. When our neighbor steps outside for a cigarette, the smoke drifts into our bedroom.

Our homes are separated by small yards, so at first, I thought they didn't realize that the smoke was bothering us. Eventually I began to get upset. When I wake up in the middle of the night to use the bathroom, I can smell it. I have made a point of loudly slamming the windows shut, hoping it would make them stop. There is no way they don't hear the noise, but it doesn't stop them.

We don't want to have to keep our windows closed, because it is not an everyday occurrence. It happens once a week or so, and always late at night or early in the morning. I don't know if this is how they handle insomnia or what the deal is. Why do they still smoke in this day and age?

There's no landlord to complain to because they own their home. After all these years, we have never introduced ourselves to each other, and I don't believe they care to know us any more than we care to get to know them. Because of this, confronting them is not an option. What do we do? — Hates The Smoke In Oregon

DEAR HATES: Your letter illustrates the disadvantages of isolationism. Had you made a point of introducing yourself when you (or they) moved in, you probably wouldn't have needed to write to me now.

Slamming your window shut is not a friendly or efficient way to communicate because these people are not mind readers. Going next door, introducing yourself, politely explaining that there's a problem and asking if they could smoke on the other side of their house, away from your bedroom window, would be better. If you can't bring yourself to do that, write a letter — keeping the communication civil — and tell them in simple language that you would appreciate their cooperation in solving this problem.

DEAR ABBY: I've been with the same man for 22 years, married for 16. We live in a small town. During the last four or five years, everything has become about politics for my husband. I have absolutely no interest in hearing about what happens politically in big cities — or anywhere, for that matter. How can I get him to stop going on and on about what he reads or hears? So far, I haven't been successful, and we end up arguing. Must I take an interest in it for his sake? Do you see any room for a compromise? — Don't Show Me In Missouri

DEAR DON'T: To some degree, you have to allow your husband to vent. Because we are in an important election year, there is no escaping the subject. If you listen, you may learn something you didn't know that could be relevant to you. Limit the amount of time you spend listening, but I don't recommend cutting him off. I'm willing to bet that you sometimes bring up subjects that may be less than fascinating for him, too. Tolerance and a willingness to compromise are two of the ingredients in a healthy marriage.

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ACROSS

1 "Fernando" band

5 Bing's road partner

8 Noisy birds

12 Plant anchor

13 Bikini top

14 Yikes! (hyph.)

15 Arrest

16 Panoramic (hyph.)

18 It runs on runners

20 Conquistador's quest

21 Extinct bird

22 Well-stocked

25 Chatty alien

28 Grey or McCrea

29 Marathon

33 Rum drink (2 wds.)

35 Lions' quarry

36 Wait awhile

37 Steak orders (hyph.)

39 Crude metals

40 Roof edge

42 Flight dir.

43 Navigator's aid

46 Dawn goddess

49 Have the flu

50 Greenhorn

53 Spherical

56 "Quo Vadis" co-star

58 Paste

59 That, to Juanita

60 Auction site

61 Kind of lock

62 Sault — Marie

63 Garage event

DOWN

1 Embers, finally

2 Pythons

3 Amount due

4 Modify

5 Consumer org.

6 Black-and-yellow bird

7 Speed along

8 Roast beef au —

9 Excuse me!

10 Fluctuate (hyph.)

11 Mets' former ballpark

17 Wee circle

19 — vu

23 Luau fare

24 Syllism word

25 Lactern

26 Refuge

27 Bona — (genuine)

30 Ms.

31 Pool hall items

32 To be, to Brutus

34 Hardy's lass

37 Water-power org.

38 Flair

40 Banishes

41 Finally (2 wds.)

44 Water, in Cannes

45 Youngsters

46 Like breakfast dishes

47 Earthen jar

48 Inner core

51 "Fancy" singer

52 Aloud

54 Flower visitor

55 — Dawn

57 Deli loaf

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Yesterday's

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

Jumbles: GLADE PRONG CASHEW EYEFUL
Answer: The beachgoers didn't appreciate the seagulls' obnoxiously loud and — "FOWL" LANGUAGE

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

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"Are you sure I'm sleepy, Daddy?"

Bil and Jeff KEANE

BEEBLE BAILEY

GOOD TO SEE YOU, MEN!

GOOD SERMON TODAY, CHAPLAIN

WHAT DID YOU LIKE ABOUT IT?

IT WAS 10 MINUTES SHORTER THAN LAST WEEK'S

LESS TIME TO FEEL GUILTY

10/17

GREG MORT WALKER

BLONDIE

DO YOU REMEMBER BORROWING MY NEW SPORT COAT A FEW WEEKS AGO?

OF COURSE, BUT I HAVEN'T WORN IT YET BECAUSE IT'S KIND OF TIGHT

SO WHY HAVEN'T YOU RETURNED IT?

WELL...

TOOTSIE STARTED ME ON A PRETTY GOOD DIET

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HI & LOIS

THIRSTY GETS IRMA TO DO EVERYTHING!

THAT'S NOT TRUE.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

I HAVE TO GIVE THIRSTY THIS GOLF CLUB I FIXED FOR HIM.

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BC

THIS ONE IS FOR HUNTING... THIS ONE IS FOR MY PERSONAL PROTECTION... AND THIS IS IN CASE OF A TYRANNICAL GOVERNMENT.

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WIZARD OF ID

STOP AND LISTEN... YOU CAN TELL THE QUALITY OF A SWING BY THE SOUND IT MAKES

SWISH < THUNK

OOOH... SLICED A LITTLE BUT NOT BAD

TINK @##\$!!

AHH, THE UNMISTAKABLE SOUND OF A SHANK!

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DILBERT

THERE'S A PROBLEM WITH YOUR EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION.

THE COMPANY MADE SO MUCH MONEY DURING THE PANDEMIC, PURELY BY LUCK, THAT YOUR BONUS WOULD BE TEN MILLION DOLLARS.

I EARNED IT.

YOU MADE ZOOM CALLS WEARING ONLY SOCKS.

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GARFIELD

I, FOR ONE, AM AGAINST THE ARRIVAL OF AUTUMN!

I SEE THAT I'VE BEEN OUTVOTED

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FORT KNOX

MR. BOGGS IS BACK TO NORMAL, MOM!

THAT'S GREAT, HONEY!

SEE IT ALL WORKED OUT IN THE END.

YEAH, BUT DONALD'S DISAPPOINTED.

WHY WOULD HE BE DISAPPOINTED??

BECAUSE HE'S BUILDING A ZOMBIE ARMY.

I NEED ROADKILL PRONTO!

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PICKLES

PFFFT!

PFFFT!

PFFFT!

I SHOULD'VE TRIED SHAVING WITH AEROSOL WHIPPED CREAM YEARS AGO!

MMM!

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No one has ever committed a sin without having to pay for it in some way

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: It is astounding to watch the decline within our borders. It's unimaginable that Americans are destroying our cities and towns and take such pleasure in burning buildings, striking

fear in their neighbors, and trampling over one another. It's a testament that destruction of life doesn't come by way of guns, but of wicked hearts, tongues, hands, and feet. Why do such people find pleasure in destroying one another? — D.P.

A: The Bible says there can be pleasure in sin. But the Bible also says that sin's pleasure is only for a season (Hebrews 11:25). Then it's over, leaving people bitter

and dissatisfied. A day of reckoning always comes. No one has ever committed a sin without having to pay for it in some way.

This is clear in the story of the Prodigal Son as written in Luke 15. The boy had been reared in a wonderful home, with a father who worshiped God, loved his children and tried to raise them right. But this young man left home and wasted his inheritance on foolish and sinful living. And he paid the price, ending up

living in a pigpen and eating with the pigs. That is how low he sank. Then he came to his senses and headed for home and found the wonderful forgiveness of a father who deeply loved and cared for him.

This is the story of God's love for mankind. He stands waiting. He stands ready to forgive those who come to Him with a contrite heart. He welcomes home prodigals. Jesus Christ forgives and restores.

CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

"MAA ISLIAS TMJS DSSV FLUVE WUVHS
RTS FMKV LN RUZS UW RPBUE RL
NUXPS LXR TLK RL AUJS RTUW AUNS
MVF DS TMIIB." — KAAA MPVSR

Previous Solution: "All I ever wanted to do was stick around for a while, but as time went by, I decided I'd play 20 years." — Gordie Howe

TODAY'S CLUE: W sɪnəz

Women’s CC shines in Spartan Stadium debut

The Spartans will travel to Bluffton for their final in-person meet Sunday, Oct. 25

By DILLON BENDER

The dual cross country meets Saturday, Sept. 26 between Bluffton University and Manchester marked the first varsity athletic event held in the brand-new Spartan Stadium.

The event included a scored 5K race between the two teams, as well as various heats of unscored elimination miles. Manchester won the matchup with a team score of 17. Bluffton compiled a team score of 40.

Six Spartans clocked the top 10 finishes in the evening. Junior Kelsey Tyler, from Rochester, finished first with a commanding time of 18:54. Her time was a new personal record in a 5K event and marked as the 10th best time in a women’s 5K in school history.

Sophomores Lauren Smith, from Anderson and Lapel High School, and Hannah Brubaker, from Goshen and NorthWood High School, took the second and third spots with times of 19:24 and 19:29, respectively.

Those times marked as the 18th and 22nd best times in a 5K event in school history.

Junior Fiona Frost, from Indianapolis and Lawrence Central High School, placed fourth with a time of 20:15, while junior Dinah Gilbert, from Elkhart and Memorial High School, finished seventh overall with a time of 21:06. Senior Hayley Musser, from Oxford and Benton Central High School, finished 10th with a time of 22:31.

Additionally, the weekend marked the second event of



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Junior Kelsey Tyler, from Rochester, finished first with a commanding time of 18:54.

the 2020 Virtual Racing Series, featuring cross country programs from Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference institutions.

The Virtual Racing Series is designed to allow each institution to compile times on individual campuses, and then score meets based on these virtual comparisons.

The Black and Gold women’s cross country team

took home top honors this week after compiling a team score of 32. Hanover and Rose-Hulman rounded out the top three of the second virtual series event with team scores of 56 and 62.

On the Virtual Series racing circuit, Kelsey Tyler finished second among 60 runners. Lauren Smith and Hannah Brubaker grabbed the fifth and sixth positions,

while Fiona Frost added an eighth-place finish.

Another Virtual Racing Series event also occurred during the weekend of Friday, Oct. 9 through Sunday, Oct. 11.

The Spartans will also travel to Bluffton for their final in-person meet on Sunday, Oct. 25.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

MU struggles to find footing at Trine

The team is scheduled to host Adrian College at 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17

By DILLON BENDER

The 2020-21 football season kicked off on the afternoon of Saturday, Oct. 10 for the Manchester University Spartans. The Black and Gold faced off against regional-foe Trine University in the only NCAA Division III football game of the day.

The Thunder defended its home field, knocking off the Spartans by a final score of 37 to 0.

A young, fresh-faced Manchester offense was held in check for much of the afternoon. The Black and Gold were limited to 227 yards through the air and 49 yards on the ground.

Late in the first quarter, the Black and Gold drove deep into Trine territory but were stopped just short of the goal line by the Thunder defense, turning the ball over on downs.

Once more, towards the end of the second quarter, Manchester came up just shy of the goal line after the Thunder defense intercepted a pass in the end zone.

Freshman running back Dave Paul, from Dearborn, Michigan and Annapolis High School, broke loose on a pair of plays in the first half of his collegiate debut. Paul had a rush go for 32 yards and had a reception go for 28 yards. For the day,

Paul carried the ball five times for 28 yards. He had 7 receptions go for a total of 63 yards.

Fellow running back Cameron Parker, from Silver Lake and Tippecanoe Valley High School, carried the ball 10 times for 43 yards.

Freshman quarterback Eric James, from Indianapolis and Decatur Central High School, went



Provided photo

Freshman running back Dave Paul, from Dearborn, Michigan and Annapolis High School, broke loose on a pair of plays in the first half of his collegiate debut.

14 and 28 on the day for 174 yards. His longest pass was a 43-yard connection to junior receiver Darren Lathrop, from Lafayette and McCutcheon. Lathrop caught four passes for 79 yards. Freshman receiver Levar Lesure, from Marietta, Georgia and Wheeler High School, hauled in four passes for 49 yards.

Defensively, the Spartans racked up 10 tackles-for-loss on Saturday afternoon. Devontay Moore, the reigning Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference sack leader, had a

strong day for Manchester. Moore, from Indianapolis and North Central High School, tallied 12 tackles and finished with three tackles-for-loss and one sack. Moore also forced a fumble that was recovered by Kobe Roberson, from Michigan City. Senior linebacker Conner Sherwin, from Pierceton and Whitko High School, finished with 11 tackles and two tackles-for-loss. Josue Castro, from Hialeah, Florida and Westland Hialeah High School, ended Saturday’s contest with 10 total tackles.

Trine ended Saturday with 403 yards of total offense, including 282 yards on the ground. Devonte Jones carried the ball 13 times for 89 yards and two scores for the Thunder.

Manchester (0-1) is scheduled to host Adrian College at 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, in the brand-new Spartan Stadium.

Trine improved to 2-0 this fall and will host Bluffton on Saturday, Oct. 17.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director at Manchester University.

Manchester to host Div. III men’s basketball championship

MU, Allen County War Memorial Coliseum and Visit Fort Wayne collaborate

By DILLON BENDER

The NCAA announced on Wednesday, Oct. 14, that Manchester University will continue to serve as the host institution of the NCAA Division III Men’s Basketball Final Four.

Back in the spring of 2017, Manchester, along with its championship partners – the Allen County Memorial War Coliseum and Visit Fort Wayne – were selected to host the Division III Men’s Basketball Final Four from 2019 through 2022.

Wednesday’s announcement extends the championship’s stay in the Summit City through 2026.

“It is an honor to have been awarded the bid to host the NCAA Division III Men’s Basketball Final Four through 2026!” noted

Manchester Athletics Office Manager and Tittle IX and Eligibility Coordinator Tami Hoagland. “The event we hosted in 2019 was highly praised by the participants and spectators, and the 2020 event would have surely met the same standards.”

Hoagland has played an integral role in the hosting efforts as a key member of the Division III Local Organizing Committee.

“We are grateful to the Site Selection Committee for giving what is likely the highest compliment of a second bid award, and we are excited to continue partnering with the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum and Visit Fort Wayne to provide Division III student athletes, Manchester University students, and the

spectators an exciting, fun-filled experience in Northeast Indiana.”

In addition to providing a top-rate experience for the participating Division III student-athletes, the Division III Men’s Basketball Final Four has provided invaluable learning opportunities to Manchester University students involved in the hosting efforts.

“The award of our bid to host the NCAA Division III Men’s Basketball Final Four through 2026 will give Manchester University students from a variety of majors six more years of opportunities to gain hands-on experience in their chosen field of study while applying it to sport,” said Hoagland. “In the first year alone, we were able to pull from a talented group of students in not only the area of sport management, but also digital media, marketing, vocal and instrumental performance, and communication

studies to make the event a success.”

Games are set to be played in the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne.

“With this selection of our bid, we are honored that the NCAA has now made a commitment of what will be eight years in a row for the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum to host the Division III Men’s Basketball National Championship,” said Executive Vice President & General Manager of the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum Randy Brown, CVE.

“It wouldn’t be possible without our great partners at Manchester University and Visit Fort Wayne. These events will bring thousands of visitors to Fort Wayne over many years and we will continue striving to create an exciting and safe atmosphere for student-athletes and fans.”

The anticipated econom-

ic impact will also provide a boost to the city of Fort Wayne. From 2023 through 2026, the NCAA Division III Men’s Basketball Championships are expected to generate more than \$2.6 million in revenue for the Summit City.

Dan O’Connell, CEO of Visit Fort Wayne noted that, “NCAA events bring prestige to our community, help our hospitality community recover and sustain jobs, and brings our community together around a common love in our Hoosier state – basketball.”

All three NCAA divisions will come to the Hoosier State in 2021 for their national basketball championships. Indianapolis will host the NCAA Division I Men’s Final Four and Evansville will host the NCAA Division II Men’s Basketball Championship.

Dillon Bender is sports information director for Manchester University.

Wabash Rotary Club announces ‘No Outing Golf Outing’

Donations still requested on behalf of the Wabash County United Fund

STAFF REPORT

The Wabash Rotary Club has continued its long tradition of supporting the Wabash County United Fund campaign. And although this year’s golf outing was canceled, Wabash Rotary will still be supporting Wabash County United Fund (WCUF), according to Steve Johnson, WCUF executive director.

Community members can participate in one of two ways. They may donate any amount to the Wabash Rotary Club or they can sponsor one of three levels toward the “No Outing Golf Outing”:

■ **\$100 Par Level:** Recognized on Rotary and United Fund Facebook pages, and receive a Business Sponsor sign and one golf ball sleeve.

■ **\$250 Birdie Level:** Recognized on Rotary and United Fund Facebook pages, and receive a Business Sponsor sign, two golf ball sleeves and a two-person round of golf with a cart.

■ **\$500 Hole-in-one Level:** Recognized on Rotary and United Fund Facebook pages, and receive a Business Sponsor sign, guest invite to a Rotary Club meeting and lunch recognition, four Golf ball sleeves and four-person Round of golf with a cart.

All donations or sponsorships may be payable to the Wabash Rotary Club by mail at P.O. Box 159, Wabash, IN 46992. All sponsors and donors will be recognized in follow-up announcements.

The United Fund Board of Directors has approved 19 local agencies for participation in the next funding cycle. Applicants for funding typically fall into one of the three United Fund focus areas of education, health and financial stability. Agency programs must include services to low- and lower-middle-income families.

Agencies with education-related programs that will receive funding include The Access Youth Center, Manchester Early Learning Center and Wabash FAME.

Agencies with qualifying health-related programs that will receive funding include 85 Hope, Blessings in a Backpack (Wabash and North Manchester), Community Cupboard Food Pantry, Hands of Hope, Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry and Wabash County Tobacco Free Coalition.

Agencies with qualifying financial stability-related programs include Advantage Housing, ARC of Wabash County, Wabash County Transit, Pathfinder Services Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, Community Assistance Program/WAMA, Lighthouse Mission, Wabash County Cancer Society, Roann Community Building, Urbana Community Building and Somerset Community Building.

Pledges and funds raised during the 2020 Campaign will be distributed to the agencies throughout the 2021 calendar year.

For more information, call Dr. Chris Kuhn at 260-563-8050 (option 7) or email at kuhnc@msdwc.k12.in.us; pr call Johnson at 260-563-6726 or email at steve.johnson@wcunitedfund.org.



Church Directory

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Gospel Light Assembly of God, 347 Southwood Drive. Pastor Neil Jeffrey. Sunday School 9:45am (all ages). Morning worship service 10:30am. Evening service 6pm. Wednesday midweek service 7pm; Kids' Korral Wednesday 7pm. Youth meeting 7pm (ages 12-19).

Sweetwater Assembly of God, 2551 SR 114 E, North Manchester. (260) 982-6179. Sunday worship 9am & 10:45am. Sunday evening outreach groups & youth ministry 5-7pm. Wednesday 6:30pm adult/teen bible study, 6:30pm Kidz Zone (K thru 6th grade). All worship services streaming online and on our Facebook page.

BAPTIST

Emmanuel Free Will Baptist, 129 Southwood Drive. Pastor Terry Hinds. (260) 563-3009. Sunday School 9:30am. Sunday Worship 10:30am & 6pm; Children's Church 10:30am. Wednesday morning prayer service 11am. Wednesday Prayer meeting 6pm. Transportation available. Sunday worship services streaming on our Facebook page

Southside Free Will Baptist, 360 Columbus Street. Pastor Tim Webb. Sunday School 10am. Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6pm. Sunday worship services streaming online

Wabash Free Will Baptist Church, 1056 Erie Street. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 6pm. Sunday School 10am, Church 11am; evening service 6pm.

CATHOLIC

St. Bernard Catholic Church, corner of Cass & Sinclair. Father Levi Nkwocha. Masses will resume, with safety restrictions, beginning May 23-24, 2020. Everyone attending Mass must wear a face mask. Masses: Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.; Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday at 8:15 a.m.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Main Street in Lagro, Welcomes You Back! New Service Time 11:00 AM Sunday, October 4, Sunday November 1 and Sunday December 6. In keeping with COVID-19 State Rules, please wear a mask and socially distance. Let Us Worship Together.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Christian Heritage Church, 2776 River Road. (260) 569-7710. Pastor Tim Prater. Sunday 8:30am. Radio Ministry 95.9 WKUZ. Sunday School 9:30am. Morning Service 10:30am. Sunday evening 6pm. Wednesday evening 6pm. Online services on Sunday at 10:30 am and Wednesday 6:00 pm

LaFontaine Christian Church, 202 Bruner Pike, LaFontaine. Minister Brad Wright. (765) 981-2101. Worship 9am & 10:30am, Nursery & Jr. Church available. Online Services available on our website

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Church of Christ, Wabash (corner of N Wabash Street and US 24). Evangelist Josh Fennell (260) 563-8234. Sunday School 9am. Morning Worship 10am. Evening Worship 6:30pm. Wednesday Service 7pm. Wednesday Kid's Jam 7pm.

CHURCH OF GOD

First Church of God, 525 N. Miami Street. Pastor Robert Rensberger. (260) 563-5346. Sunday School at 9:15am, for all ages. Continental breakfast at 10am. Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30am. Nursery care is available during worship service. Stair lift available.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Wabash Church of the Brethren, 645 Bond Street (off Falls Avenue). Pastor Doug Veal. (260) 563-5291. Wherever you are on life's journey, come join us as we continue the work of Jesus... Peacefully, Simply, Together. Sunday School 9:30am. Worship 10:30am. Children's church and nursery available during worship. Online Service through website or conference call.

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Wabash Christian Church, 3563 S State Rd 13, Wabash. Traditional Worship, 8:30am. Contemporary Worship, 10:45am. Sunday School, 9:30am. We also livestream our 10:45am service. You can find it here - <https://www.facebook.com/wabashfriendschurch/>

FRIENDS CHURCH

Wabash Friends Church, 3563 S State Rd 13, Wabash. Traditional Worship, 8:30am. Contemporary Worship, 10:45am. Sunday School, 9:30am. Currently only doing virtual services on Sunday morning at 10am until June 14th. Join us at <https://www.facebook.com/wabashfriendschurch/>

INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 4 miles north of Wabash on St. Rd. 15; phone 260-563-4109; website: bachelorcreek.com; Worship Minister - Michael Eaton, Student Minister - David Diener, Children's Minister - Tyler Leland, Middle School & Small Groups Minister - Nate Plyler, Next Steps & Outreach Minister - Ryan Keim, Women's Director- Taylor McFarland, Early Childhood Director - Janet Legesse. Worship 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

LUTHERAN

Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA), 1500 S Wabash Street. Pastor Dr. Kent Young. (260) 563-6626. We worship our Lord each Sunday at 9:30am with Gospel-based message and Holy Communion. There is a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following the service. We are handicap accessible and everyone is welcome at Trinity! tlcwabash@gmail.com.

UNITED METHODIST

North Manchester United Methodist Church, 306 E Second Street, North Manchester. Pastor Steve Bahrt. (260) 982-7537. Worship Service 8:15am & 10:30am. Coffee Fellowship 9am. Sunday School 9:30am.

Richvalley United Methodist Church, 290 N Jefferson. (260) 563-1033. Pastor Jack Suits. Worship service begins at 9:30am. Nursery available. Sunday School begins at 10:45am for all age.

Roann United Methodist Church, Corner of Adams and Arnold Street, Roann. Pastor Wayne Balmer. (765) 833-2931. Worship Celebration 9am. Sunday School 10:15am.





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Daily Bible Reading						
Isaiah 32:1-20	Isaiah 33:1-24	Isaiah 34:1-17	Isaiah 50:1-11	Isaiah 57:1-21	Isaiah 58:1-14	Isaiah 59:1-21

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